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MADAME PATTI'S MARRIAGE: THE BRIDE CUTTING THE WEDDING CAKE DRAWN BY W. HATHERELL, R.I., FROM A SKETCH IN THE TRAIN BY OUR SPECIAL ARTIST, T. H. THOMAS

# Topics of the Weck

"THE Napoleons have no luck," said old King Jerome of Westphalia to the late Duke Ernest TROUBLES of Saxe-Coburg at the height of the most OF A brilliant epoch of the Second Empire. With REPUBLIC equal truth and infinitely more justification it may now be said that the French Republics have

no luck. That the Third Republic is in a bad way must be patent to everybody. The French people have fundamental grievances against it, but it is not these which have brought the Republic into bad odour. The Republic has never been as Republican as the people could have wished it. It changed the dynasty without changing the system. It pretended to put Demos in the place of Napoleon, but it simply made another Napoleon with a terminable tenure of office and a great deal less dignity at home and prestige abroad, while the political system and social fabric went on pretty well as before, only rather worse. Instead of the people obtaining an extension of power, a disreputable plutocracy was substituted for a fairly reputable, and certainly very presentable, aristocracy. The result was scandal after scandal, besides some sixty millions sterling of French savings lost in Panama. All this, however, was endured, and the people stuck to the Republic. There is, however, an old saw which tells us, "Quos Deus vult perdere prius dementat." What the fundamental grievances could not bring about the madnesses of politicians have contrived. During the last few years there have been few opportunities for blundering of which French statesmen have not availed themselves. M. de Cassagnac said the other day, with no small amount of truth, that the Bonapartists had no reason to be ashamed of Sedan after Fashoda. And Fashoda was a gratuitous folly which wounded the amour propre of the French as no blunder of the Second Empire ever wounded it. Then there has been the Dreyfus scandal. Bad enough in its origin, but by no means abnormal, it has been aggravated and exaggerated by the successive stupidities of Ministers, until to-day it threatens not only the Republic but the social peace and the moral sense of the whole country. The latest action of the Government touches a degree of levity quite outside the range of ordinary conception. The one hope of getting

rid of this hideous affaire once and for all was by means of a judgment of the Supreme Court delivered in the usual way, by the competent judges. Whatever their decision it would have been legal and final. There would have been no other tribunal to appeal to, and the fanatics might have railed at it in vain. Here was a safe barrier behind which every law-abiding citizen might have taken refuge. Naturally the conspirators who are making use of the Dreyfus case in the interests of Reaction, attacked this tribunal, which was bound ultimately to defeat all their projects. attack assumed large proportions, but it was never very serious. Nevertheless, it impressed the little men in power. They gave in to it, and proposed a Bill to the Chamber providing for a change of procedure in the High Court. By this means all finality is taken from the case, and the Reactionaries are afforded plenty of time to mature their plans. Tout passe, tout casse said a famous Queen of Navarre, and the Third Republic seems about to offer a fresh illustration of the truth of the saying. With every institution compromised, the whole machinery of Government discredited, the Army disaffected, and all sections of the nation disgusted, it is difficult to understand how it can possibly hold out. The Pretenders are already knocking at its gates. One feels that one of them has only to make a bold push and the end is bound to come.

On the surface of things Mr. Balfour appears to have large warrant for anticipating an uneventful, not to say humdrum, Session, so far as domestic politics are concerned. The Opposition is so disorganised and demoralised that even if it had a good cry the walls of the Ministerial Jericho would not be likely to take much harm. In foreign politics, too, more Radicals favour territorial expansion than contraction; since the Fashoda incident there has been a wondrous clearing of the air in that respect. Altogether, the Government has nothing to fear from external attack; the new Opposition leader in the Commons will have all his work cut out to keep his own followers in hand. Mr. Atherley Jones has just given loud warning that he is not at all pleased with the wire-pulling by which the election of a successor to Sir William Harcourt has been secretly arranged beforehand. But that is the very essence of the Caucus system; under its operation the select few always dictate to the unselect

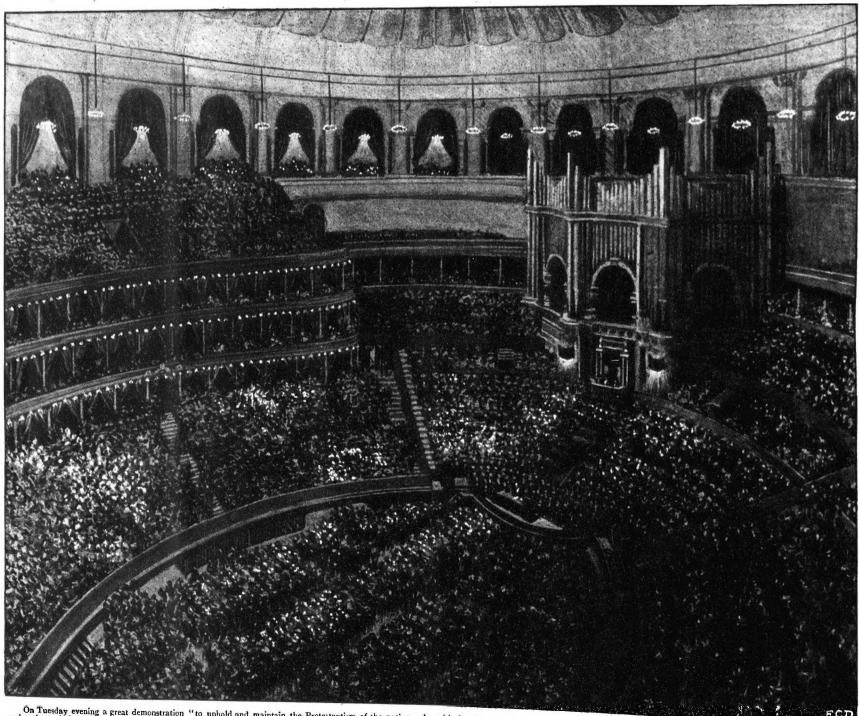
many. As regards the legislative work of the Session, there are one or two items in the Ministerial programme which can scarcely fail to excite strenuous antagonism. All the fanatics of Free Trade will be in arms against Mr. Long's attempt to suppress adulteration of agricultural produce; already it is denounced as veiled Protection. But by far the most burning question of all is that of Church discipline. Here the national feeling is both strong and genuine, going down to the very roots of human consciences. Matters, it is clear, cannot be allowed to drift much farther without bringing Disestablishment into view. Multitudes of sound Unionists, especially in Lancashire, would go right over to the enemy if they believed that Lord Salisbury and his colleagues were but half-hearted in their professed desire to uphold the Protestantism of the Church of England.

# Boyalty at Bome and Abroad

OFFICIAL functions have been prominent this week at Osborne, the Queen holding both an Investiture and a Council. The Duke of York came from Sandringham to be with Her Majesty for the Investiture, which was quite a large affair, some twenty-six gentlemen receiving the New Year's honours of the Order of the Bath, St. Michael and St. George, and the Star of India. Princess Beatrice and a large gathering of Court officials were present, whilst the Queen knighted several of the gentlemen before investing them with the riband and badge of the respective Orders, and fastened the decorations on the other recipients. The Council of Thursday was called for the Queen to finally approve the Royal Speech at the opening of Parliament, and the Duke of Devonshire was among the Ministers present. Lord Salisbury was also expected during the week to dine and sleep at Osborne.

The Queen's great-grandchildren have been raised to the number of thirty-two through the birth of a daughter to the Hereditary Princess of Hohenlohe-Langenburg, third daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Saxe-Coburg. The Princess already has a son, and this baby arrived just at the time of its grandparents' Silver Wedding. The Duke and Duchess's only son, the Hereditary Prince, is in such delicate health that he has gone to Meran.

The Prince and Princess of Wales are still enjoying their quiet rural life at their Norfolk home, with a few occasional visitors to vary the family circle at Sandringham House. The Prince has been up to town for a day and night, and is expected again at Marlborough House next Monday, but for the present week he is taking a rest, with plenty of time for his favourite country pursuits.



On Tuesday evening a great demonstration "to uphold and maintain the Protestantism of the nation, and to demand the suppression of the Mass and the Confessional in the Established Church," was held in the Albert Hall. About 10,000 persons were present. Lord Kinnaird presided, and resolutions in accordance

with the object of the meeting were spoken to by Lord Overtoun, Mr. G. Sm'th, M.P., Colonel Sandys, M.P., Mr. Redclyffe Cooke, and others, and enthusiastically carried

The Bishop of Ripon was the Prince and Princess's guest from Saturday to Monday, preaching before the Royal party at Sand-ringham Church on Sunday in aid of the Gordon Boys' Home, in which they take such deep interest.

The interview with the Pope was the great event of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught's week's visit to Rome. The Duke and Duchess took their daughters with them, and spent half an hour with His Holiness, who is now quite recovered from his attack of influenza. He inquired most anxiously about the Qucen's health, remarking that "Queen Victoria was one of the best safeguards of peace, and on that account God blessed her with good health." Altogether the interview was most cordial, the Pope presenting some beautiful mosaics to the Duke and Duchess on their departure. Later the Duke and Duchess called on Cardinal Rampolla, the Pontifical Secretary of State. Nor was the Quirinal less cordial than the Vatican, for King Humbert and Queen Margherita gave a grand dinner in honour of the Duke and Duchess, besides exchanging several visits. Save, however, for these official functions and a dinner at the British Embassy, the Duke and Duchess spent most of their time as private tourists, taking their daughters round the sights of the Eternal City. A long morning was spent in the Vatican, while few of the important Roman churches and villas were left out of the Royal programme. From Rome the Duke and Duchess went to Naples to embark on H.M.S. Surprise for Egypt, where they spend a month. The young Princesses stay at Florence during their parents' absence.

### Madame Patti's Wedding=Cake

MAD ME PATTI'S wedding is probably the first in which the subsequent breakfast has been served in a train. From all accounts the difetiner was a great success, and was served to the wedding



party without any discomfort on the journey by special train to London. When the train came out of the Severn Tunnel, Madame Patti (or, as she ought now to be called, Baroness Cederström) cut the cake with the Baron's assistance. The cake, which was a very handsome production, was supplied by Messrs Buszard.

#### The Swiney Prize

DR. GEORGE SWINEY, who died on January 20, 1844, by his will gave 5,000%, to the Society of Arts, upon trust, every fifth

anniversary of his death, to present to "the author of the best published work on jurisprudence, a silver goblet of the value of 100%. containing 100 sovereigns. It is now fifty years since he died, and the prize has been regularly awarded every fifth year to the present time. The Society of Arts are the trustees of the fund, and the award is made by that Society and by the Royal College of Physicians. The prize has hitherto been given alternately for works on general jurisprudence and on medical jurisprudence. This year the prize has been awarded to Dr. J. Dixon Mann, Professor of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology at Owen's College, Manchester, for his work on "Forensic Medicine and Toxicology." Amongst former recipients of the Swincy Prize are such well-known names as Sir Robert Phillimore, Henry Sumner Maine, Dr. W. A. Guy, and Mr. Meymott Tidy, M.B. The goblet, which is an exact replica of the original model,

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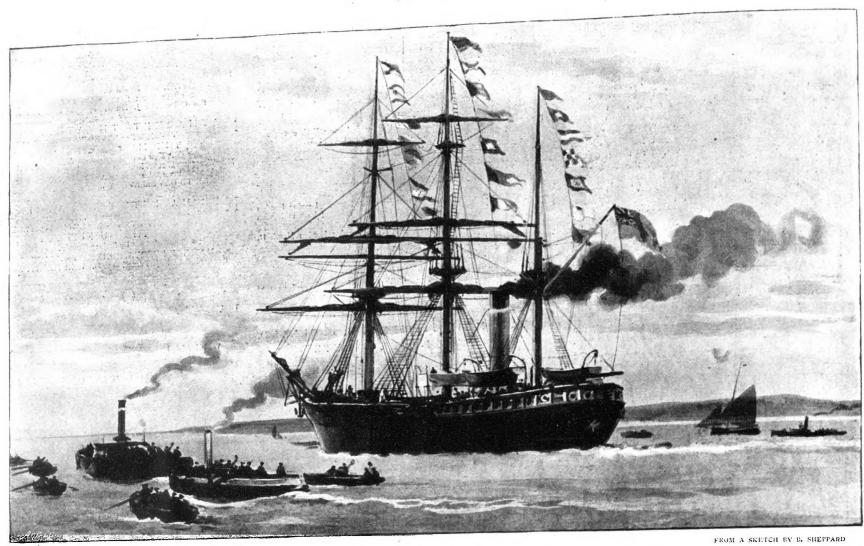
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DRAWN BY J. NASH R.I.

There was much excitement at Hobart on the 7th ult., when Mr. Borchgrevink and his staff left on board the Scuthern Cross for the Scuth Antarctic Ocean. Before the departure the Dean of Hobart conducted an impressive Service on board the vessel. After the Service the Dean called for cheers for

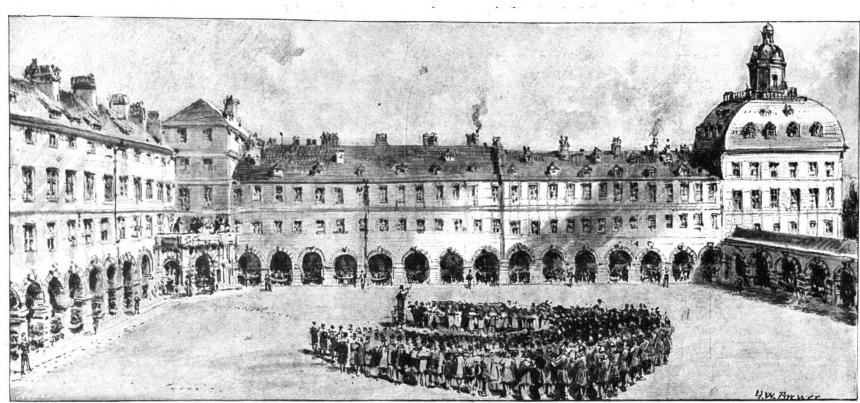
Captain Borchgrevink, which were heartily given by those present. When the vessel left the wharf, she was loudly cheered by the assembled crowd, and as she steamed down the river, escorted by a fleet of pleasure yachts, the ships in the harbour dipped their flags, and some fired salutes

MR. BORCHGREVINK'S ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION: DEPARTUR" OF THE "SOUTHERN CROSS" FROM HOBART, TASMANIA



The Roman Cathol'c Church at Brecon, on the occasion of Madam e l'atti's marriage to Baron Cederström, was tastefully hung with pink and blue drapery, the bride's favourite colours. The altar canopy was of white,

FROM A SKETCH BY OUR SPECIAL ARTIST, T. H. THOMAS and the floral decorations consisted of white flowers and arum lilies. The best man was Paren Rolf Cederström, and Sir George Faudel Phillips, who was accompanied by Lady Faudel Phillips, gave the bride away



DRAWN BY H. W. BREWER

THE SERENADE BY THE COMBINED CHOIRS OF GOTHA IN THE COURTYARD OF THE CASTLE OF FRIEDENSTEIN



SOME OF THE PRESENTS RECEIVED BY THE DUKE AND DUCHESS

THE SILVER WEDDING AT COBURG

From a Photograph by Professor Uhlenhuth, Coburg

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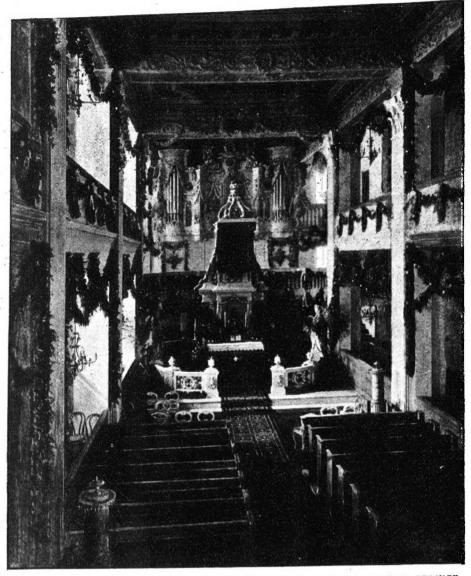
The Siver Wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha was celebrated in the Castle of Friedenstein, as described in our issue of last week. The festivities began with a reception attended by the members of the Diplomatic Body, the representatives of the Government, and deputations from the municipal, ecclesiastical and military authorities. In the



Obverse—Actual Size
THE COBURG SILVER WEDDING MEDAL

evening there was a banquet in the Throne Room, at which covers were laid for 150 guests. On the left of the Duke of Coburg were seated the Grand Duchess Sergius of Russia and the Grand Duke of Hesse, while on the right of the Duchess sat the Grand Duke Alexis and the Grand Duchess of Hesse, while opposite were the representatives of foreign Sovereigns. The table service was of massive silver, and conspicuous among the decorative pieces were fifty-eight models of ships of various descriptions, used as *epergues*, which had been presented at different times to the Duke when he was serving in the British Navy.

Their Royal Highnesses were the recipients of many handsome presents, in commemoration



THE CHAPEL AT FRIEDENSTEIN CASTLE AS DECORATED FOR THE SPECIAL SERVICE

of the occasion. The Queen's gift was four large standard lamps, the massive feet of which were of solid silver. The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught gave antique clocks, and the German Emperor's present was also a costly timepiece, made in the Imperial porcelain factory. The Grand Duke of Hesse gave a large oil painting by Van Kaulbach, representing a charming group of the four daughters of the Grand Duke and Duchess. The Dowager Duchess of Coburg presented an oil

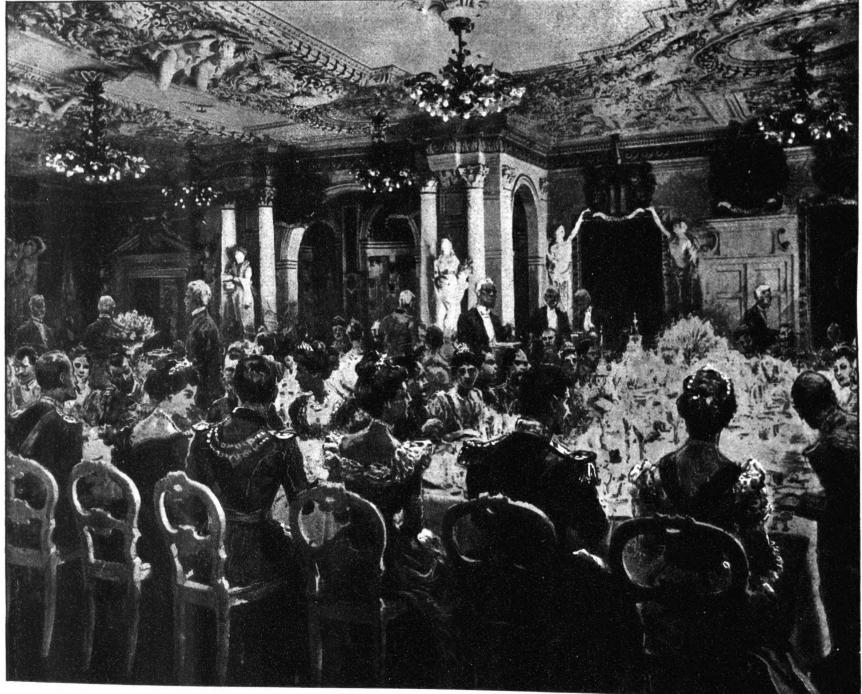


Reverse—Actual Size
THE COBURG SILVER WEDDING MEDAL

painting of the Castle of Rosenau. The Earl of Clarendon and Commander the Hon. Seymour Fortescue, who represented the Queen and the Prince of Wales respectively at the festivities, gave a silver model of a lighthouse, and there were also many presents from friends of the Duke and Duchess in England.

A Silver Wedding Model has been designed.

A Silver Wedding Medal has been struck to commemorate the happy occasion, and is to be presented to all who took part in the festivities. The medal is about the size of half-a-crown, and is suspended on green and white ribbon. The obverse of the medal is occupied by the heads of the Duke and Duchess, while on the reverse are the arms of Coburg.



THE BANQUET AT FRIEDENSTEIN CASTLE



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# The Royal Academy Elections

By M. H. SPIELMANN

THE Royal Academy tends more and more to represent and to manage the art of lengland. The influence of its imprimature upon painters and sculptors and their art is undoubted, and now a big scheme is mooted, it is said, that will practically place the art teaching of South Kensington in the hands of the Academy, while the administrative affairs of the lenglish art section at the Paris Exhibition are to be in similar control. For this reason the selection of an Honorary Foreign Academician was anxiously awaited, for such an appointment smacks of diplomacy. The compliments and courtesies of foreign academies must be returned, and our members must prove just in choice and keen in percentation.

It must be admitted that the right thing has been done; at any rate, the wrong thing has been avoided, and the fatal error of the rejection of M. Harpignies may perchance be forgiven and forgotten. Monsieur Jules Breton, the exquisite painter of French peasant life, was selected over his youthful but extremely formidable rival, M. Dagnan Bouveret—the final figures being 37 to 18. M. Breton has been painting with his heart, with his soul, as well as with his trush, for full fifty years, and the honour which is offered him at the sunset of his career is intended rather as a token of homage for a great achievement finely accomplished than as a reward for vigorous work in full swing. Had it been otherwise Monsieur Ponnat, an admirable painter, and the present official head of art in France, might have been chosen; while had Puvis de Chavannes been alive he would, without the slightest doubt, have been the painter selected for honour. I may add that Mr. St. Gaudens, the American sculptor, received the full strength of his countrymen's votes (S), and MM. Frémiet, Mercié, Dampt (sculptor), Madame Resa Bonheur, MM. Bouguereau, Bonnat and Carolus Duran, Herr von Lenbach and Signor Morelli, painters, with M. Cuypers and Herr Ferstel, architects, all had supporters in the electorate.

By the election of Mr. Alfred East (who beat his rival, Mr. Farquharson, by a single point) the Academy is to be congratulated in taking to themselves one of the most poetic of our inglish painters, a pastoral singer, who has merged into the harmonious note of the Barbizon School the sweet inclody of English landscape and English traditions.

Portraiture is once more recognised in the selection of Mr. Cope. His painting is well known as almost uniformly scholarly, sound, and vigorous, full of life and dignity. He never astonishes by unexpected brilliancy, and never disappoints by falling below the expected level. He is, perhaps, at his happiest when painting legal luminaries and Liberal statesmen—indeed, by some he has been dubbed Painter-in-Ordinary to the Liberal Party, and he has proved his title by excellent performances in the Reform Club and elsewhere. He seems to aim at uniting the strength of Holl with the sobriety of Mr. Ouless; he is, perhaps, not so strong as either man, but he is a portrait-painter of whom the Academy, in this age of what used to be called "face painters," need not be ashamed. But it is to be hoped that he will attempt something more than these single figures. At one time, if I remember aright, he painted charming landscapes.

The election of Mr. Goscombe John not only fills a sculptor's I lace already vacant, but brings some strength to the Academy's toll-call just when the sad death of Mr. Harry Bates has weakened it. Mr. John has been elected early—almost too early for us to judge how far his talent runs parallel to that of Mr. Bates; but at first sight he appears to lean even less upon the past than the other did. His taste is fine, his work admirably felt; there is an originality—a freshness—about what he does that premises to carry him in his development far beyond the point of his present

execution. Sculpture is an exquisite art capable of giving the highest pleasure; and the intelligent sculptors of the present day—(fortunately all our best sculptors are intelligent!)—have, by working "in small," placed it in the power of all to possess and enjoy the sight in our own houses of little masterpieces the like of which our fathers were never tempted with.

## The Birthplace of Dickens

"CHARLES D CKENS, the most popular novelist of the century, and one of the greatest humorists that England has produced, was born at Landport, in Portsea, on Friday, the seventh of February, 1812." Thus Forster begins his "Life of Charles Lickens." It will be noticed that he mentions the day of the week. Dickens himself, in the opening chapter of "David-Copperfield"—the book which contains so many touches of autobiography—tells us the

"To begin my 'ife with the beginning of my life, I record that I was born (as I have been informed and believe) on a Friday, at twelve o'clock at night. It



was remarked that the cleck began to strike, and I began to cry, simultaneously."

To be as precise as possible it may be stated that the birth took place at a few minutes before midnight on Friday, February 7, 1812, in the front bedroom of No. 387, Mile End Terrace, Commercial Road, Landport. The house is shown in our illustration. "It stands high" (says Mr. Hughes in his "Week's Tramp in Dickens-land"),

on the west side of a good broad road . . . and the situation is very open, pleasant, and cheerful. It is red-brick built, has a railing in front, and is approached by a little entrance gate opening on to a lawn, whereon there are a few flower beds; a hedge divides the forecourt from the next house, and a few steps guarded by a handrail lead to the front door. It is a single-fronted, eight-roomed house,

having two underground kitchens, two floo's above, and a single dormer window high up in the sloping red tiled roof. As is usual with old-fashioned houses of this type, the shutters to the lower windows are outside. Both the front and back parlours on the ground floor are very cheerful, cosy little rooms, and the lew from the back parlour looking down into the well-kept garden, which abuts on other gardens, is very pretty, marred only by a large gasometer, which could hardly lave been erect of uyoung Charles Dickens's earliest days.

At the time of Charles's birth his father was only twenty-six years of age. A clerk in the Navy Pay office, with a salary of something under a hundred a year, he had married in 1809 Elizabeth Barrow, the sister of a fellow clerk in Somerset House. The wedding took place in the church of St. Mary-le-Strand, which overlooks, on the one hand, the scene of the father's employment, and on the other the office of the old Morning Chronicle (now of the Weekly Dispatch), where the son was to gain his first honours in journalism and literature. Mr. Robert Langton, most careful and trustworthy of authorities upon the family history of Charles Dickens, tells us that the father at the time of his marriage had been "detached" from Somerset House to attend the paying off of ships at Portsmouth. The little house at Landport was rented at 35% a year, and hither the young couple proceeded almost immediately after the wedding. Here the first two of their eight children were born—Fanny, the eldest, in 1810, and Charles, as we have seen, in 1812. Within a few weeks of his birth the future novelist was baptised at St. Mary's, Kingston, the parish church of Portsea, and named Charles John Hullam. The first name came from his mother's father, the second from his father, and the third (misspelt Huffham in the register) from one Christopher Huffam, "Rigger to His Majesty's Navy." When the baby was but five and a half months old, his parents went to live in Hawke Street, Portsea, where they stayed for two or three years before their removal, by way of London, to Chatham. Forster hints that David Copperfield's retrospections into the blank of his infancy—the picture of his mother and her servant, dwarfed to his sight by stooping down, or kneeling on the floor, and himself going unsteadily from the one to the other—were glimpses into Dickens's own memory in his very earliest years.

He has often told me (says Forster) that he remembered the small front garden to the house at Portsea, from which he was taken away when he was two years old, and where, watched by a nurse through a low kitchen window almost level with the gravel walk, he trotted about with something to eat, and his little elder sister with him. He was carried from the garden one day to see the sold ers exercise, and I perfectly recollect that, on our being at Portsmouth together while he was writing." Nickleby, "he recognised the exact shape of the military parade seen by him, as a very infant, on the same spot a quarter of a century before.

It was at Portsmouth, the reader of "Nickleby" will remember, that Nicholas made his appearance on the stage under the auspices of that genial and resourceful manager, Mr. Vincent Crummles.

THAT somewhat crudely sensational melodrama, The Crystal Globe, at the PRINCESS'S, has, after a brief career, given place to a revival of The White Heather, which has with some reason been described as the best of "the Drury Lane autumn dramas." The original cast has for the most part been replaced by a new one; but the play is on the whole very well acted, and all the picturesque and exciting scenes of the original have been carefully reproduced. The play was received by the PRINCESS'S audience on Monday with great forcers.

On the occasion of the hundredth performance of Mr. Grundy's version of *The Three Musketeers* on Wednesday, the handsome vestibule of Her Majesius's Theatre was appropriately ornamented by a terra-cotta bust of the elder Dumas. A "Dumas Souvenir," presented to members of the audience, contained a contribution by Mr. Tree and a letter by the younger Dumas to his father "in Elysium." The latter item is simply the prelatory epistle—so full of tender and touching reminiscences—written some years ago by the son for a collected edition of his father's plays.

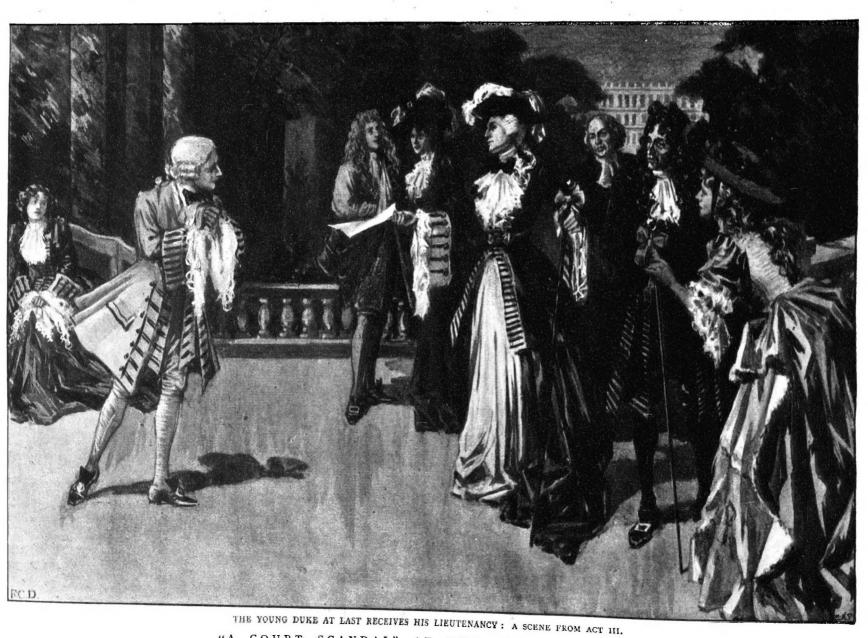
The Intruders, a comedy by Mr. John T. Day, author of The Purser, brought out in an experimental way by Miss Fanny Brough, at the WORCESTER Theatre the other day, will be produced by that lady for the first time in London, at the BRINTON Theatre, on Monday evening next. On the following afternoon the New Century Theatre Society will produce at the HAYMARKET Mr. Esmond's new play, entitled Grierson's Way.



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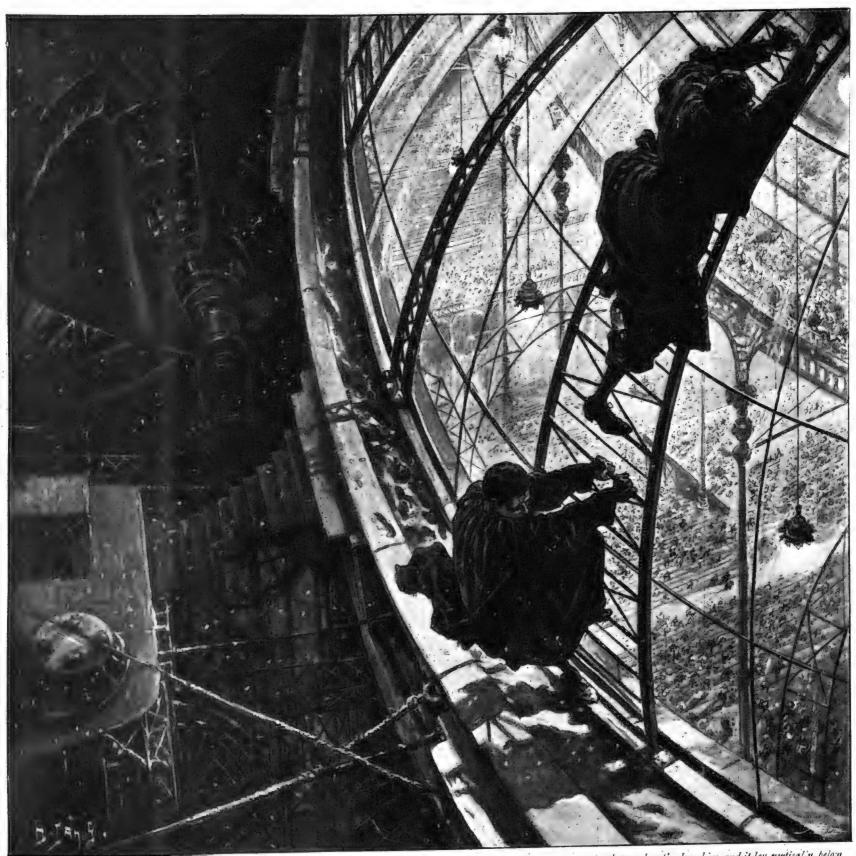
A ROMANCE OF THE PEERAGE

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"A COURT SCANDAL" AT THE COURT THEATRE

DRAWN BY F. C. DICKINSON



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## SLEEPER WAKES WHEN THE

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#### CHAPTER VIII.

## THE ROOF SPACES

As the fans in the circular aperture of the inner room rotated and permitted glimpses of the night, dim sounds drifted in thereby. And Graham, standing underneath, wrestling darkly with the unknown powers that imprisoned him, and which he had now deliberately challenged, was startled by the sound of a voice.

He peered up and saw in the intervals of the rotation, dark and din, the face and shoulders of a man regarding him. Then a dark hand was extended, the swift fan struck it, swung round and beat on with a little brownish patch on the edge of its thin blade, and something began to fall therefrom upon the floor, dripping silently.

Graham looked down, and there were spots of blood at his feet. He looked up again in a strange excitement. The two figures had

He remained motionless—his every sense intent upon the flickering patch of darkness, for outside it was high night. He became aware of some faint, remote, dark specks floating lightly through the outer air. They came down towards him, fitfully, eddyingly, and passed aside out of the uprush from the fan. A gleam of light flickered, the specks flashed white, and then the darkness came again. Warmed and lit as he was, he perceived that it was snowing within a few feet of him.

Graham walked across the room, and came back to the ventilator again. He saw the head of a man pass near. There was a sound of whispering. Then a smart blow on some metallic substance, effort, voices, and the fans stopped. A gust of snowflakes whirled into the room, and vanished before they touched the floor. "Don't be afraid," said a voice.

Graham stood under the fan. "Who are you?" he whispered. For a moment there was nothing but a swaying of the fan, and then the head and shoulders of a man were thrust cautiously into the opening. His face appeared nearly inverted to Graham; his dark hair was wet with dissolving flakes of snow upon it. His arm went up into the darkness holding something unseen. He had a youthful face and bright eyes, and the veins on his forehead were swollen. He seemed to be exerting himself to maintain his

For several seconds neither he nor Graham spoke. "You were the Sleeper?" said the stranger at last.

"Yes," said Graham. "What do you want with me

"I come from Ostrog, Sire."

"Ostrog?"

The man in the ventilator twisted his head round so that his profile was towards Graham. He appeared to be listening. Suddenly there was a hasty exclamation, and the intruder sprang back just in time to escape the sweep of the released fan. when Graham peered up there was nothing visible but the slowly

It was, perhaps, a quarter of an hour before anything returned to the ventilator. But at last came the same metallic interference again; the fans stopped and the face reappeared. Graham had remained all this time in the same place, alert and tremulously

"Who are you? What do you want?" he said.

"We want to speak to you, Sire," said the intruder. "We want —I can't hold the thing. We have been trying to find a way to you—three days."

"Is it rescue?" Whispered Graham. "Escape?"

"Yes, Sire. If you will."

"You are my party—the party of the Sleeper?"

"Yes, Sire."

"What am I to do?" said Graham.

There was a struggle. The stranger's arm appeared, and his hand was bleeding. His knees came into view over the edge of the funnel. "Stand away from me," he said, and he dropped rather heavily on his hands and one shoulder at Graham's feet. The released ventilator whirled noisily. The stranger rolled over, sprang up nimbly and stood panting, hand to a bruised shoulder,

sprang up nimbly and stood panting, nand to a bruised shoulder, and with his bright eyes on Graham.

"You are, indeed, the Sleeper," he said. "I saw you asleep.
When it was the law that anyone might see you."

"I am the man who was in the trance," said Graham. "They have imprisoned me here. I have been here since I awoke—at least three days." least three days."

The intruder seemed about to speak, heard something, glanced The intruder seemed about to speak, neard sometning, glanced swiftly at the door, and suddenly left Graham and ran towards it, shouting quick, incoherent words. A bright wedge of steel flashed in his hand, and he began tap, tap, a quick succession of blows upon the hinges. "Mind!" cried a voice. "Oh!" The voice came from above.

Graham glanced up, saw the soles of two feet, ducked, was struck on the shoulder by one of them, and a heavy weight bore him to the earth. He fell on his knees and forward, and the weight went over his head. He knelt up and saw a second man from above

seated before him. "I did not see you, Sire," panted the man. He rose and assisted Graham to rise. "Are you hurt, Sire?" he panted. A succession of heavy blows on the ventilator began, something fell close to Graham's face, and a shivering edge of white metal danced, fell

over, and lay flat upon the floor.
"What is this?" cried Graham, confused and looking at the ventilator. "Who are you? What are you going to do? Remember I understand nothing.

"Stand back," said the stranger, and drew him from under the ventilator as another fragment of metal fell heavily.

"We want you to come, Sire," panted the newcomer, and Graham, glancing at his face again, saw a new cut had changed from white to red on his forehead, and a couple of little trickles of blood starting therefrom. "Your people call for you."
"Come where? My people!"

"To the hall about the markets. Your life is in danger here. We have spies. We learned but just in time. The Council has decided—this very day—either to drug or kill you. And everything is ready. The people are drilled, the wind-vane police, the engineers, and half the way-gearers are with us. We have the halls crowded—shouting. The whole city shouts against the Council. We have arms. He wiped the blood with his hand. "Your life here is not worth-

"But why arms?"

"The people have risen to protect you, Sire. What?"

He turned quickly as the man who had first come down made a hissing with his teeth, and looking through the intervening archway, Graham saw the latter start back, gesticulate to them to conceal themselves, and move as if to hide behind the opening door.

As he did so, Howard appeared, a little tray in one hand and his heavy face downcast. He started, looked up, the door slammed behind him, the tray tilted sideways, and the steel wedge struck him behind the ear. He went down like a felled tree, and lay as he fell athwart the floor of the outer room. The man who had struck him bent hastily, studied his face for a moment, rose, and returned to work at the door.

"Your poison," said a voice in Graham's ear.

Then abruptly they were in darkness. The innumerable cornice lights had been extinguished. Graham saw the aperture of the ventilator, with ghostly snow whirling above it and dark figures moving hastily. Three knelt on the vane. Some dim thing-a ladder-was being lowered through the opening, and a hand appeared holding a fitful yellow light.

He had a moment of hesitation. But the manner of these men, the swift alacrity, their words, marched so completely with his own fears of the Council, with his idea and hope of a rescue, that it lasted not a moment. And his people awaited him!

"I do not understand," he said, "but I trust you. Tell me

The man with the cut brow gripped Graham's arm. "Clamber up the ladder," he whispered. "Quick. They will have heard——"

Graham felt for the ladder with extended hands, put his foot on the lower rung, and, turning his head, saw over the shoulder of the nearest man, in the yellow flicker of the light, the first-comer astride over Howard and still working at the door. Graham turned to the ladder again, and was thrust by his conductor and helped up by those above, and then he was standing on something hard and cold and slippery outside the ventilating funnel.

He shivered. He was aware of a great difference in the temperature. Half a dozen men stood about him, and light flakes of snow touched hands and face and melted. For a moment it was dark, then for a flash a ghastly violet white, and then everything was

dark again.

He saw he had come out upon the roof of the vast city structure which had replaced the miscellaneous houses, streets and open spaces of Victorian London. The place upon which he stood was level, with serpentine cables lying athwart it in every direction. The circular wheels of a number of windmills loomed indistinct and gigantic through the darkness and snowfall, and roared with a varying loudness as the fitful wind rose and fell. Some way off an intermittent white light smote up from below, touched the snow eddies with a transient glitter, and made an evanescent spectre in the night; and here and there, low down, some vaguely cutlined wind-driven mechanism flickered with livid sparks.

All this he appreciated in a fragmentary manner as his rescuers stood about him. Someone threw a thick soft cloak of fur-like texture about him, and fastened it by buckled straps at waist and shoulders. Things were said briefly, decisively. Someone thrust him forward.

Before his mind was yet clear a dark shape gripped his arm. "This way," said this shape, urging him along, and pointed Graham across the flat roof in the direction of a dim semicircular haze of light. Graham obeyed.

"Mind!" said a voice, as Graham stumbled against a cable. "Between them, not across them," said the voice. And, "We

"Where are the people?" said Graham—"the people you said must hurry."

The stranger did not answer. He left Graham's arm as the path awaited me?" grew narrower, and led the way with rapid strides. Graham followed blindly. In a minute he found himself running. "Are the others coming?" he panted, but received no reply. His companion glanced back and ran on. They came to a sort of pathway of open metal-work, transverse to the direction they had come, and they turned aside to follow this. Graham looked back, but the snowstorm had hidden the others.

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"Come on!" said his guide. Running now, they drew near a little windmill spinning high in the air. "Stoop," said Graham's guide, and they avoided an endless band running roaring up to the shaft of the vane. "This way!" and they were ankle deep in a shaft of the vane. "This way!" and they were ankle deep in a shaft of drifted they walls of gutter full of drifted thawing snow, between two low walls of metal that presently rose waist high. "I will go first," said the guide. Graham drew his cloak about him and followed. Then suddenly came a narrow abyss across which the gutter leapt to the snowy darkness of the further side. Graham peeped over the side once and the gulf was black. For a moment he regretted his flight. He dared not look again, and his brain spun as he waded through

Then out of the gutter they clambered and hurried across a wide the half liquid snow. flat space damp with thawing snow, and for half its extent dimly translucent to lights that went to and fro underneath. He hesitated at this unstable-looking substance, but his guide ran on unheeding, and so they came to and clambered up slippery steps to the rim of a great dome of glass. Round this they went. Far below a number of people seemed to be dancing, and music filtered through Graham fancied he heard a shoutin; through the snowstorm, and his guide hurried him on with a new spurt of haste. And then an ascent to a space of windmills, one so vast that only the lower edge of its fans came rushing into sight and rushed up again and was lost in the night and the snow. They hurried for a time through the metallic tracery of its supports, and came at last above a place of moving platforms like the place into which Graham had looked from the balcony.

They crawled across the sloping transparency that covered this street of platforms, crawling on hands and knees because of the

slipperiness of the snowfall.

For the most part the glass was bedewed, and Graham saw only hazy suggestions of the forms below, but near the pitch of the transparent roof the glass was clear, and he found himself looking sheerly down upon it all. For awhile, in spite of the urgency of his guide, he gave way to vertigo and lay spread-eagled on the glass, sick and paralysed. Far below, mere stirring specks and dots, went the people of the unsleeping city in their perpetual daylight, and the moving platforms ran on their incessant journey. Messengers and men on unknown businesses shot along the drooping cables, and the frail bridges were crowded with men. It was like peering into a gigantic glass hive, and it lay vertically below him with only a tough glass of unknown thickness to save him from a fall. The street showed warm and lit, and Graham was wet now to the skin with thawing snow, and his feet were numbed with cold. For a space he could not move. "Come on!" cried his guide, with terror in his voice. "Come on!"

Graham reached the pitch of the roof by an effort.

Over the ridge, following his guide's example, he turned about and slid backward, amid a little avalanche of snow. While he was sliding he thought of what would happen if some broken gap should come in his way. At the edge he stumbled to his feet ankle deep in slush, thanking heaven for an opaque footing again. His guide was already clambering up a metal screen to a level

Through the spare snowflakes above this loomed another line of windmills, and then suddenly the amorphous tumult of the rotating wheels was pierced with a deafening sound. It was a mechanical shrilling of extraordinary intensity that seemed to come

simultaneously from every point of the compass.
"They have missed us already!" cried Graham's guide in an accent of terror, and suddenly, with a blinding flash, the night

Above the driving snow, from the summits of the wind wheels, appeared vast masts carrying globes of livid light. They receded illimitable vistas in every direction. As far as his eye could

penetrate the snowfall they glared.
"Get on this," cried Graham's conductor, and thrust him forward to a long grating of metal, snowless metal that ran like a band between two slightly sloping expanses of snow. It felt warm to Graham's benumbed feet, and a faint eddy of steam rose from it.

"Come on!" shouted his guide ten yards off, and, without waiting, ran swiftly through the incandescent glare towards the iron supports of the next range of wind wheels. Graham, recovering from his astonishment, followed as fast, convinced of his imminent capture. . .

In a score of seconds they were within a tracery of glare and black shadows shot with moving bars beneath the monstrous wheels. Graham's conductor ran on for some time, and suddenly darted sideways and vanished into a black shadow in the corner of the foot of a huge support. In another moment Graham was beside him.

They cowered panting, and stared out.

The scene upon which Graham looked was very wild and strange. The snow had now almost ceased; only a belated flake passed now and again across the picture. But the broad stretch of level before them was a ghastly white, broken only by gigantic masses and moving shapes and lengthy strips of impenetrable darkness, vast ungainly Titans of shadow. All about them, huge metallic structures, iron girders, inhumanly vast as it seemed to him, interlaced, and the edges of wind wheels, scarcely moving in the lull, passed in great shining curves steeper and steeper up into a luminous haze. Wherever the snow-spangled light struck down, beams and girders, and incessant bands running with a halting, indomitable resolution, passed upward and downward into the black. And with all that mighty activity, with an omnipresent sense of motive and design, this snow-clad desolation of mechanism was void of all human presence save themselves, and seemed as trackless and deserted and unfrequented by men as some inaccessible Alpine snowfield.

"They will be chasing us," cried the leader. "We are scarcely

halfway there yet. Cold as it is we must hide here for a space—at least until it snows more thickly again.

His teeth chattered in his head. "Where are the markets?" asked Graham, staring out. "Where are all the people?"

The other made no answer.
"Look!" whispered Graham, as he crouched close, and became

The snow had suddenly become thick again, and sliding with the whirling eddies out of the black pit of the sky came something, vague and large and very swift. It came down in a steep curve and swept round, wide wings extended and a trail of condensing white vapour behind it, rose with an easy swiftness and went gliding up the air, swept horizontally forward in a wide curve, and vanished again in the steaming specks of snow. And, under the ribs of its body, Graham saw two little men, very minute and active, searching the snowy areas about him, as it seemed to him, with field glasses. For a second they were clear, then hazy through a thick whirl of snow, then small and distant, and in a minute they were gone.
"Now!" cried his companion. "Come!"

He pulled Graham's sleeve, and incontinently the two were running headlong down the arcade of ironwork beneath the wind wheels. Graham, running blindly, collided with his leader, who had turned back on him suddenly. He found himself within a dozen yards of a black chasm. It extended as far as he could see right and left. It seemed to cut off their progress in either direction.

"Do as I do," whispered his guide. He lay down and crawled to the edge, thrust his head over and twisted until one leg hung. He seemed to feel for something with his foot, found it, and went sliding over the edge into the gulf. His head reappeared. "It is a ledge," he whispered. "In the dark all the way along. Do as I did.

Graham hesitated, went down upon all fours, crawled to the edge, and peered into a velvety blackness. For a sickly moment he had courage neither to go on nor retreat, then he sat and hung his leg down, felt his guide's hands pulling at him, had a horrible sensation of sliding over the edge into the unfathomable, splashed, and felt himself in a slushy gutter, impenetrably dark.

"This way," whispered the voice, and he began crawling along the gutter through the trickling thaw, pressing himself against the wall. They continued along it for some minutes. He seemed to pass through a hundred stages of misery, to pass minute after minute through a hundred degrees of cold, damp, and exhaustion. In a little while he ceased to feel his hands and feet.

The gutter sloped downwards. He observed that they were now many feet below the edge of the buildings. Rows of spectral white shapes like the ghosts of blind-drawn windows rose above them. They came to the end of a cable, fastened above one of these white windows, dimly visible and dropping into impenetrable shadows. Suddenly his hand came against his guide's. "Still!" whispered the latter very softly.

He looked up with a start and saw the huge wings of the flying machine gliding slow and noiselessly overhead athwart the broad band of snow-flecked grey-blue sky. In a moment it was hidden

again.
"Keep still; they were just turning."

For a while both were motionless, then Graham's companion stood up, and reaching towards the fastenings of the cable fumbled with some indistinct tackle.

"What is that?" asked Graham.

The only answer was a faint cry. The man became motionless. Graham peered and saw his face dimly. He was staring down the long ribbon of sky, and Graham, following his eyes, saw the flying machine small and faint and remote. Then he saw that the wings spread on either side, that it headed toward them, that every moment it grew larger. It was following the edge of the chasm

The man's movements became convulsive. He thrust two cross bars into Graham's hand. Graham could not see them, he ascertained their form by feeling, They were slung by thin cords to the cable. On the cord were hand grips of some soft elastic substance. "Put the cross between your legs," whispered the guide hysterically, "and grip the holdfasts. Grip tightly! Grip!"

Graham did as he was told.
"Jump," said the voice. "In Heaven's name, jump!"

For one momentous second Graham could not speak. He was glad afterwards that darkness hid his face. He said nothing. He began to tremble violently. He looked sideways at the swift shadow, that swallowed up the sky, as it rushed upon him.

Jump! Jump-in God's name. Or they will have us!" cried Graham's guide, and in the violence of his passion thrust him forward.

Graham tottered convulsively, gave a sobbing cry, a cry in spite of himself, and then, as the flying machine swept over them, fell forward into the pit of that darkness, seated on the cross wood and holding the ropes. Something cracked, something rapped smartly against a wall. He heard the pulley of the cradle hum on its rope. He heard the aeronauts shout. He felt a pair of knees digging into his back. He was sweeping headlong through the air, falling through the air, all his strength was in his hands. He would have d, but he had no breath.

He shot into a blinding light that made him grip the tighter. He recognised the great passage with the running ways, the hanging lights and interlacing girders. They rushed upward and by him. He had a momentary impression of a great circular aperture yawning to swallow him up.

He was in the dark again, falling, falling, gripping with aching hands, and behold! a clap of sound, a burst of light, and he was in a brightly lit hall with a roaring multitude of people beneath his feet. The people! His people! A proscenium, a stage rushed up towards him, and his cable swept down to a circular aperture to the right of this. He felt he was travelling slower, and suddenly very much slower. He distinguished shouts of "Saved!" "The Master. He is safe." The stage rushed towards him with rapidly diminishing swiftness. Then——.

He heard the man clinging behind him shout as if suddenly terrified, and this shout was echoed by a shout from below. He felt that he was no longer gliding along the cable but falling with it. There was a tumult of yells, screams and cries. He felt something soft against his extended hand, and the impact of a broken fall quivering through his arm. . . .

He wanted to be still and people were lifting him. He believed afterwards he was carried to the platform and given some drink, but he was never sure. He did not notice what became of his guide. When his mind was clear again he was on his feet; eager hands were assisting him to stand. He was in a big alcove, occupying the position that in his previous experience had been devoted to the lower boxes. If this was, indeed, a theatre.

A mighty tumult was in his ears, a thunderous roar, the shouting of a countless multitude. "It is the Sleeper! The Sleeper is with us ! "

"The Sleeper is with us! The Master—the Owner! The Master is with us. He is safe."

Graham had a surging vision of a great hall crowded with people. He saw no individuals, he was conscious of a froth of pink faces, of waving arms and garments, he felt the occult influence of a vast crowd pouring over him, buoying him up. There were balconies, galleries, great archways giving remoter perspectives, and everywhere people, a vast area of people, densely packed and cheering. Across the nearer space, like a huge snake, lay the collapsed cable. It had been cut by the men of the flying machine at its upper end, and had crumpled down into the hall. Men seemed to be hauling this out of the way. But the whole effect was vague, the very buildings throbbed and leapt with the roar of the voices.

He stood unsteadily, and looked at those about him. Someone supported him by one arm. "Let me go into a little room," he said; "a little room," And could say no more. A man in black stepped forward, took his disengaged arm. He was aware of officious men opening a door before him. Someone guided him to a seat. He sat down heavily and covered his face with his hands; he was trembling violently, his nervous control was at an end. He was relieved of his cloak, he could not remember how;

his purple hose he saw were black with wet. People were running about him, things were happening, but for some time he gave no heed to them.

He had escaped. A myriad cries told him that. He was safe. These were the people who were on his side. For a space he sobbed for breath, and then he sat still The air was full of the shouting with his face covered. of innumerable men.

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#### Our Portraits

THE death is announced of Sir Francis Clare Ford, G.C.B., G.C.M.G. He had been suffering for some time form an acute form of heart disease, and retired from the Embassy at Rome last year. Sir Francis Clare Ford was born in 1828. At the age of eighteen he joined the 4th Light Dragoons, and served in that regiment for ahout five years, when he sold out and entered the Diplomatic Service. After fifteen years'service

present at the battles of Amoaful and Ordassa and the capture of Kumassi (the twenty-fifth anniversary of which occurred this week). He was Principal Medical Officer at the Cape during the Galeka and Gaika rebellion in 1877-78, and again at Natal throughout the Zulu war and the Secoeceni campaign. He was several times mentioned in despatches, has the Ashanti Medal and Clasp and the Zulu Medal and Clasp, and was created C.B. in 1879, and C.M.G. in 1880. Surgeon-General Woolfryes retired in 1883.—Our portrait is by Fall, Baker Street.

The town of Cheltenham has just presented a handsome testimonial to Colonel Richard Rogers, who recently retired from the civic chair after having occupied it for three years. Rogers, who is an enthusiastic Volunteer, is Lieutenant-Colonel and Innorary Colonel of the 1st Gloucestershire (Cheltenham) Engineer Volunteer Corps, and has been awarded the Volunteer Decoration. He is very popular in Cheltenham, and has been connected with the Corporation for seven years. The presentation took the form of a portrait of the ex-Muyor, life and full length, in mayoral robes, by Mr. J. Eadie Reid. It is to be placed with the other civic portraits in the Council Chamber. Besides this public presentation Colonel Rogers was also given a handsome silver bowl, inlaid with gold work. The body of the bowl is enriched with a hand-wrought border, reproducing the Elgin marbles in bas-relief. The subscribers to the testimonial also remembered Mrs. Rogers, and presented her with a diamond brooch of horse pattern. Accompanying these gifts was an album containing the names of the subscribers and a suitable address.—Our portraits are by H. W. Watson, Cheltenham.



COLONEL R. ROGERS Ex-Mayor of Cheltenham

MRS. R. ROGERS Ex-Mayoress of Cheltenham

he was offered the post of Secretary of the Congregational Union. In 1891 Dr. Berry's health gave way, and he took a voyage to America, visiting the States and Canada. In 1897 he was made Chairman of the Congregational Union. Dr. Berry was a great favourite, and his death will be keenly felt.—Our portrait is by Whitlock Bros., Wolverhampton.

The loss of Mr. Bates is a very real one, for he was an artist by The loss of Mr. Bates is a very real one, for he was an artist by nature, who seemed incapable by temperament of putting forth what was bad or wrong. His sense of grace and beauty is admirably displayed in one of the most refined statues that English art cun show—his "Pandora" at the Tate Gallery. Close by it stands Mr. John's "Boy at Play," and those who look can fairly claim that the art of sculpture is become a natural and spontaneous growth in England—a blossom of the tree that was planted by Mr. Hame in England—a blossom of the tree that was planted by Mr. Hamo Thornycroft, Mr. Brock, and Mr. Alfred Gilbert, and it now rests only with the public to encourage romantic and ideal work, understanding that art such as this has little in common with the mere portrait bust or club medallion. Mr. Bates was born in 1850, and was made A.R.A. in 1892.—Our portrait is from a photograph by Mr. Fred Hollyer.

## Among the Pygmies and Cannibals—II.

By ALBERT B. LLOYD

DAY after day we pushed on our way, sometimes literally carving our way through the undergrowth and at others following some little track made by either elephants or pygmies. I myself always walked at the front of the caravan, carrying on my shoulder my rifle and in my hand a sword bayonet with which I cut my mand a sword bayonet with which I cut my way. Often our path was crossed by elephants, buffaloes, or wild pigs, all of which seem to swarm in the forest, and occasionally the first-named would rush right through our caravan, scattering the poor scared porters in all directions. Each night strange sounds disturbed us and during the first week it was almost disturbed us, and during the first week it was almost impossible for the weak-nerved among the party to get

Emerging from the thickest forest we reached Avakubi, twenty days from the start, having covered a distance of about 250 miles. The last eight days of this time we were passing down the River Ituri, which is apparently another name for the Aruwimi. It is a wonderful river, but unfortunately above Avakubi it is not navigable on account of the rapids. Considering this river has a fall of about 1,000 ft. from near the source

to this place, Avakubi, it is not to be wondered at.

My first day's experiences in a canoo which we procured at Avakubi were not to be envied. Near the beginning of the day the canoe in which I sat was overturned in the rapids, and I got a very severe ducking,



THE LATE SIR F. CLARE FORD, G.C.B., G.C.M.G.



THE LATE REV. C. A. BERRY, D.D.



THE LATE MR. HARRY BATES, A.R.A.



THE LATE MR. J. F. RUSSELL Vice-Consul at the Dardanelles



SURGEON-GEN. WOOLFRYES Newly appointed Hon. Physician to the Queen

in various European capitals he reached the rank of Secretary of Legation and six years later that of Secretary of Embassy. He acquired the reputation of being a specialist in economic and commercial questions, and was appointed to represent the British Government before the Commission created to decide the amount of compensation to be paid to the United States for certain fishing rights. For his services he was created C.B. and Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Argentine Republic. From there he went to Brazil as Minister, and in 1881 was transferred to Athens. From 1884 to 1892 he represented this country at Madrid, first as Minister and then as Ambassador. In 1884 and again in 1885 he was British Commissioner at Paris for the settlement of the Newfoundland question. In 1892 he was appointed Ambassador at Constantinople, but his health was not equal to so onerous a position, and he was transferred to Rome in 1893, where he stayed until last year, when he retired .- Our portrait is by Elliott and Fry, Baker Street.

A distinguished member of the Army Medical Service, Surgeon-General John Andrew Woolfryes, C.B., C.M.G., M.D., has just been appointed Honorary Physician to the Queen. Surgeon-General Woolfryes is the son of the late Mr. John Woolfryes, a doctor practising in Salisbury, and was born in 1833. He took his M.R.C.S. diploma in 1846, and entered the Medical Department of the Army a year later, became a Surgeon in 1855, Surgeon-Major in 1867, Deputy Surgeon-General in 1874, and Surgeon-General in 1880. Surgeon-General Woolfryes has seen a good deal of active service. He served in the first Ashanti war, during which he was for part of the time Principal Medical Officer, and was

The death at the Dardanelles of Mr. John Frederick Russell deprives the Consular Service of a travelled and accomplished member. Mr. Russell was the second and only surviving son of Sir William Howard Russell, the veteran war correspondent, with whom much sympathy will be felt in his sad bereavement, which is rendered all the more severe by the fact that it was only a few months ago that the news reached him of the death of his eldest son while on his way home from China. Mr. Russell was nominated Vice-Consul at Moosul in 1876, when he went to Van, and from 1883 to 1886 he was stationed at Alexandria, when he was transferred to the Dardanelles. But before entering the Consular Service he had travelled a good deal, serving on the staff of General Gordon, and being associated with the latter's early expedition to Khartoum and the regions of the White Nile. In 1874, when the expedition was contemplated, Mr. Russell was in Cairo studying Arabic, and when the opportunity occurred of serving with General Gordon he eagerly took it. Later he was sent with a small expedition to Fashoda. Mr. Russell leaves a widow, who was with him when he died .-Our portrait is by the London Stereoscopic Company.

The Rev. Charles A. Berry, D.D., of Wolverhampton, who fell down dead while conducting a funeral service at Bilston, was one of the best-known preachers in the Congregational ministry. He was, on the death of the Rev. Henry Ward-Beecher, invited to succeed him, but declined. Dr. Berry was born in 1852. At the age of seventeen he entered Airedale College to study for the ministry, and, in 1874, he accepted his first charge at St. George's Church, Bolton. There he stayed for nine years, when he went to Wolverhampton. In 1892, on the death of Dr. Alexander Hannay,

and only after a terrible struggle between life and death succeeded in reaching the dry land, and then only to see my box, containing all my photographs, turned into the water We recovered the box, but, alas! many of the most valuable plates were spoilt utterly. I was, however, thankful to escape with my life. The canoe was an ordinary African dug-out, that is, made out of the solid trunk of a huge forest giant. There are no seats in these boats, and I therefore fixed my hammock chair to the bottom of the boat, and the boatmen standing up, according to the custom, six in the bow and eight in the stern, paddled away, singing the weird African songs to keep time with their strokes.

And now we were in Cannibal Land, daily passing the villages of the fierce Bangwa people. At each village we changed boatmen, and so were able to make great headway. At five o'clock each evening we looked out for a camping place; sometimes in the midst of a cannibal village, sometimes in uninhabited country.

The Waganda boys that I took with me were, at this part of the iourney, very frightened, and begged of me to turn back, protesting that we should all be killed and eaten by these hungry cannibals. Sometimes it seemed as though it might be so, particularly when we watched the savages sitting round their boiling pot of kola-nut, sucking it up and drinking it by the aid of hollow reeds, and then working themselves into passion and madness until, at last. completely under the influence of this poison—they would jump up and wave about their heads awful-looking spears and knives, thirsting for human blood.

I often watched these midnight revels round the kola-nut pots, and indeed on more than one occasion sat round the fire with the men observing the effect of this fearful poison.

(To be concluded)



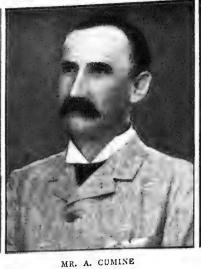
PORTRAIT OF A LADY, BY REMBRANDT FROM THE PAINTING LENT BY THE QUEEN TO THE REMBRANDT EXHIBITION AT THE ROYAL ACADEMY

DRAWN BY FRANK DAMM, K.I.











PROFESSOR T. R. FRASER, F.R.S. President DR. RÜFFER PROFESSOR WRIGHT

THE MEMBERS OF THE INDIAN PLAGUE COMMISSION NOW SITTING AT BANGALORE

## The Plague Commission

THE Special Commission, appointed in the beginning of November to investigate the origin of the plague in India and the means of preventing its spread, is composed of men singularly well qualified for the task with which they have been entrusted. The President, Professor T. R. Fraser, of Edinburgh, has done much valuable scientific work in regard to the possibility of producing immunity by the injection of serum taken from animals themselves proof against a particular poison; he has shown that the old story of Mithridates and his marvellous antidote, and the modern travellers' tales about savages who let themselves be bitten by venemous snakes with impunity, have at least a considerable element of truth in them. Professor Wright, of Netley, has worked with success in the same field, and has discovered a vaccine for typhoid fever to which many are looking as a means of checking the ravages of that disease among our soldiers in India. Dr. Rüffer is a bacteriologist of great reputation, and brings to the work of the Commission the special experience which he has gained as President of the Sanitary Maritime and Quarantine Council at Alexandria. The other two members of the Commission, Messrs. Hewett and Cumine, are Indian civilians, and supply the necessory element of administrative experience and special knowledge of India.

The Commissioners arrived in Bombay on November 26, and

began their work there on the 29th. They have since pursued their investigations at Dharwar, Bangalore, Hyderabad, and Calcutta. Having taken evidence in the North-Western Provinces and the Punjab as to the outbreaks which have occurred there, they will visit Sindh, afterwards returning to Bombay to make a further tour through that Presidency, which has been throughout the principal

seat of the pestilence.

The evidence so far taken by the Commissioners shows that the infection of the plague is conveyed by human agency, and that epidemics among the rats of a district often precede outbreaks among the people. It has been shown that the plague always occurs among the inhabitants of that quarter of a town in which the rats were first attacked. When the rats migrate they scatter the seeds of pestilence wherever they go. But how is the infection transmitted from the rat to man? Cause has recently been shown for suspecting insects-especially the flea, as being the intermediaries in carrying the disease which they in fact inoculate in man by biting. In view of these facts it is interesting to note that Mr. Du Boulay, of Bombay, stated in his evidence that 50,400 rats had been destroyed, and a bonus of halt an anna was given for

As to the connection between insanitary conditions and the prevalence of plague, the information obtained by the Commissioners only confirms the general belief of all who have had an opportunity of seeing it in its native haunts, that it is emphatically a filth

As to the value of protective and preventive inoculations, they have obtained a large and weighty body of evidence. There are at least three varieties of serum which have been more or less extensively tried, viz., Haffkine's, Yersin's, and Lustig's. Of these Haffkine's has been most largely used in India, and the testimony to its value not only in reducing mortality but in protecting against the disease is very strong. A native physician stated that he had formerly opposed moculation, but had been converted to believe in its efficiency because he was unable to resist the evidence of facts. Almost the only dissentient voice was that of Colonel Lawrie, the surgeon to the Nizam of Hyderabad, who expressed the opinion that Haffkine's fluid is not a serum but a putrescent organic fluid, the injection of which would be likely to cause blood poisoning. Afterwards, however, Colonel Lawrie admitted that the fluid as now used affords a considerable measure of protection. Surgeon-General Harvey, head of the Indian Medical Service, who was sent by the Government to visit Bombay and other parts of the country, and report on the effects of protective incculation against the plague, found that it had been of great service in combating the disease, and heard of no case in which it had produced blood poisoning or other serious ill effects.

On the whole, the evidence so far taken by the Commission holds out a fair hope that in serum used with proper precautions we have a means of at least partial protection against plague. The difficulty is to get many of the natives of India to submit to the inoculation. -Our portraits are by the following:-Professor Fraser by Moffat, Edinburgh; Dr. Wright by Bassano, Old Bond Street; Dr. Rüffer by Jerrard, Regent Street; Mr. J. P. Hewett by Ballingham, Harrington Road, S.W.; and Mr. Cumine by Barton, Son, and Company, Bangalore.

## The Cape to Cairo Railway

## THE BULUWAYO-TANGANYIKA SECTION

BEFORE embarking on any description of the Cape to Cairo Railway as a possibility of the future, it will be best to state authoritatively what part of the scheme lies within the range of near accomplishment. Railways in Africa are in some respects like châteaux dans l'Espagne, and have this further disadvantage, that even when the money for their construction has been subscribed, the engineering difficulties have a way of turning out to be greater than was anticipated. For instance, it was stated at the British Association last year that the railway from Uganda to Mombasa was a line much more likely to be carried out than the route southwards from Atbara, Khartoum, and Fashoda, because of the marshy and impassable nature of the country which the "all British route" would have to traverse. Yet only the other day we were told that the Uganda line was a monument of want of we were told that the Oganda line was a modification was and of wasteful expenditure, and that its near realisation was hopeless. The Cape to Cairo route must not then be regarded as a whole. In the face of many contradictions and re-statements, we have the best possible authority for saying that at present its chief promoters are content to stop short on the southern approach of Tanganyika. The only definite project put before the British Government is for the extension of the existing Cape to Buluwayo Railway, from Buluwayo, past Gwelo, 250 miles northward. This portion of the extension has been surveyed.

It need not be supposed, however—in fact probably no one does suppose it—that Mr. Rhodes is going to stop 250 miles north of Buluwayo. He merely regards this instalment of a scheme as one whose merits as a paying concern are so evident as to disarm criticism. The line thus far will cost 3,500% a mile, and therefore 857,000/. in all. On this he has the experience of the Bechuanaland Railway to lead him to believe that he will at once make a profit. The Bechuanaland Railway, soundly, solidly built, with fine locomotives and saloon cars—looking in the photographs like the opulent special carriages in which railway directors make periodic visits of inspection—pays well in spite of the fact that its coal has to be carried along with it. The 250 miles extension from Buluwayo will tap a coalfield, and the cost of working will, therefore, be immediately reduced. This portion of the route, as displayed on the map, runs 100 miles in a north-easterly direction as far as Gwelo—160 miles from Fort Salisbury, and 1,460 miles from Capetown. Thence it will take a

bend, and run almost due north along the valley of the Sanyati River as far as the Kariba Gorge of the Zambesi River. Here for the present it will stop, though it may not stop for long. The previous 100-mile section of the railway was built in four months. If the money is guaranteed the extension from Buluwayo to the Zambesi may be expected to be built in a year. The line will, as in the case of the Egyptian system, be 3 ft. 6 in., thus securing uniformity of gauge from the Cape to Cairo when the links are all completed. In connection with this point it may be mentioned that Mr. Rhodes and the Bechuanaland Railway Company allowed three of the powerful locomotives for Buluwayo to be sent to Egypt, to enable Lord Kitchener to get across the desert.

And what afterwards? The first thing, of course, will be to cross the Zambesi. At this point—to which the railway, instead of following a more direct course, has been diverted—the Zambesi ceases to be a wide shallow, and is compressed between the walls of the Kariba Gorge. The work of bridging this would present no very great engineering difficulty, and thence the railway would run as far as the southern end of Lake Tanganyika (about 500 miles), through the country lying between Lake Bangweola and Lake Nyasa. This section of the line has not been surveyed, but the country through which it will run is well known. North of the Zambesi is the Mashukolombwe country, with fine grazing ground, and further north are minerals. The value of Northern Rhodesia as a grazing country is established by the fact that the Angoni Zulus-farmers and graziers all-have been settled there since Lobengula's father drove them north half a century ago. Mr. Lionel Decle asserts that the country is of unexampled richness in iron and copper, and that nothing but the cost of transport has made these fields unprofitable. At present the cost of transport from the Tanganyika territory to Chindi on the Indian Ocean is 45% a ton. When the great extension to Tanganyika is an accomplished fact goods could be carried at a profit if the charge were only 12% a ton, not from Chindi, but to or from the Cape. At present, by the Chindi-Nyasa route, travellers cannot reach Lake Tanganyika under sixty days from London, and their fare, even if they travel steerage and third class, will be 70%. But if the railway were built to Tanganyika they might make the journey in twenty-four days from London at 1/. a day. Finally, with respect to profit, one may point out that in spite of all the gloomy prophecies concerning the extension from Vryburg to Buluwayo, that road, still in its infancy, makes a profit of 150,000/. a year. Before its construction a ton of goods used to cost 60% for transport from Port Elizabeth. The cost is now one-fifth of that; and the arguments all point the same way—if it paid from Vryburg to Buluwayo, why not from Buluwayo to the Zambesi? and if from Buluwayo to the Kariba Gorge, why not from Tanganyika to the Cape?

#### CAPE TO CAIRO.



Cope Town to Buluwayo. 1360 Miles Buluwayo la Tanganyika. 800

#### Notes from the Magazines

#### "MAGA" THE THOUSANDTH

A MAGNIFICENT double number of Blackwood's Magazine is served out this month to commemorate the thousandth issue, and when one bears in mind the multitude of new comers in the field since Blackwood was born, it is impossible to help feeling every admiration for the policy which from the first has kept the magazine in the front rank, and never allowed it to sink into an obsolete groove. "Maga" has never sought to enhance its popularity by changing its coat, and embarking upon a career of illustrations combined with sensationalism. It has always been essentially literary and well written, and its old characteristics been essentially literary and well written, and its old characteristics It has steadily stood aloof I tendencies, and it has found its reward in the fact that it has shown how humour, satire, shrewd criticism and able writing are still appreciated and still honoured. Few, if any, magazines have a better and more honourable record than Blackwood. Not merely can it boast of a splendid list of contributors, but it can boast of a long and intimate relationship with many of them, which is as uncommon as it is creditable. Indeed, one would look far to find anywhere else the same loyalty to the magazine and to the famous publishing house as is evidenced in the history of "Maga." But with all this there is no tendency to neglect the rising forces in literature. Does not the present number contain contributions by half a dozen of the rising school? There is Mr. Joseph Conrad, whose "Nigger of the Narcissus" brought down a chorus of praise; Mr. Maurice Hewlett, whose "Forest Lovers" burst on one as a revelation; Mr. Bernard Capes, Miss Harraden, that charming apostle of the ideal, and Mr. Whibley, most modern and most robust of critics. The number opens fitly enough with some verses with Mr. Andrew Lang, and towards the end is a charming little glimpse behind the

scenes into the tradition of the great Edinburgh house which has carried on a magazine from its first number to its thousandth, preserving a "personality more individual, more constant and pronounced than is seen in any other creature of its kind."

#### THE NEW GOSPEL OF PEACE

Sir Henry Howorth's "Some Plain Words about the Tsar's New Gospel of Peace," in the Nineteenth Century, is a very common-sense indictment of that praiseworthy ideal, and an indictment which it is impossible to read without feeling that it is what most people think, but few have had the courage to say. After reviewing the manner of its reception by all the nations—with scarcely an exception all have received it with pretty speeches, and with, at the same time, an instant setting about an increase in armaments—he says very truly and very cynically—

Is it likely that any one of the nations will submit to having such a question as the amount and character of its army and navy decided for it by any other Power or conference of Powers, or that, if it gave such an undertaking, it would be honestly kept? What a premium it would offer to all kinds of public chicanery, deceit, and surreptitious dishonesty!

But there are even more important points than this. The Tsar does not suggest a reduction of armaments, but merely a pause in their steady increase. How would this benefit the poorer nations, such as Spain, Turkey, and Italy, which find the maintenance of their present armaments an intolerable burden? They are longing to see armies and navies reduced before they break under the strain, while rich nations are only very partially inconvenienced by the struggle for armed supremacy. The expense of modern war is what makes it a luxury, says Sir Henry Howorth, and the poorer nations who cannot afford it should desist from the competition. They are in comparatively little danger from aggression or conquest. More interesting than this though is his further argument, when he says:—

No finer army was probably ever brought together than that which fought at Sadowa under Benedek. But it could not compete with the Prussian forces armed with the needle gun any more than Admiral Caserta with his sailors (and Spaniards are both brave and good sailors) could compete against the Americans, or the brave and reckless Dervishes could compete against our black and white boys in the Soudan. This is all a truism. What I mean to infer from it is that whatever engagements are entered into about the number of men would be useless unless it were provided that their weapons should remain the same.

In short it would be easy to enter upon a stupendous competition in continually re-arming forces with the latest weapons, which would be almost as ruinous as the present competition.

### The Pregins Affair

THERE seems to be no end to the incidents which the Dreysus case is destined to evoke. Never since the case began has the situation been so intricate. M. Mazeau, First President of the Court of Cassation, who was deputed to inquire into the conduct of the Criminal Court after the charges made by M. de Beaurepaire against his colleagues, has presented his report, which states:—"Without suspecting in any way the perfect integrity of the members of the Criminal Chamber, it would be wise, in the

exceptional circumstances in which we find ourselves, not to leave to the said Chamber the entire responsibility of the judgment to be given." The Ministers held an extraordinary Council on Saturday, and as a result M. Lebret, the Minister of Justice, introduced a Bill in the Chamber to bring all cases for revision, without exception, before the united sections of the Court of Cassation. In the course of the debate, it was announced that the whole of the evidence taken before the Criminal Chamber would be



MADAME HENRY

published. The Bill was referred to a Special Commission. Meanwhile among the general public the action of the Government has produced fresh confusion. M. Lebret's assurance that he did not suspect the integrity of the Criminal Section in any way seems in direct contradiction to the impression produced by his Bill.

But this crisis is not the only incident that is occupying the public mind with regard to the seemingly interminable Dreysus case. Madame Henry, the widow of Colonel Henry, who, it will be remembered, committed suicide after confessing to the forgery of an important document which was used as evidence against Dreysus at his trial, has brought a libel action against M. Joseph Reinach for

the purpose of vindicating her late husband from the additional charge of treason. M. Yves Guyot, the director of the Siècle, in which the libel appeared, is also a defendant in the action. This case, the biggest of the kind, it is said, that was ever seen at the Assizes, came on for hearing on Friday. Over four hundred witnesses have been subpænaed for the case. Madame Henry, who appeared in the court in deep mourning, was treated with the utmost respect by the military witnesses both on her arrival at the court and on leaving. The principal defendant in the case, M. Joseph Reinach, who is a Jew, is one of the ablest politicians in France. He was Secretary to the Cabinet under Gambetta. When General Boulanger came on the scene, M. Reinach was the most keen of his opponents, and it was undeniably largely due to his energy that the General was routed. M. Reinach has been an active worker in the cause of revision. When this great offshoot of the Dreyfus case came on for hearing, Maître Labori submitted arguments in favour of postponing the case until after the termination of the Dreyfus inquiry. This was opposed by Madame Henry's counsel, and the Judge refused to grant an adjournment. Maître Labori thereupon asked leave for his client to appeal to the Court of Cassation against the decision. The decision of the Judge was that the hearing must be suspended until the Court of Cassation should have pronounced upon the appeal lodged by the accused against the refusal of the Court to adjourn the case. -Our portrait of Madame Henry is from a photograph by Neyroud.

## Blow-feather

AT this season of the year, when there are gatherings of young people, hostesses are often nervous and anxious about finding amusement for them in the evening. It is not always enough to let them dance, and some game must be found. There should be no anxiety on the part of the hostess, for it is astonishing how very easily young folks are amused, and play like children if the opportunity be given. The dignified young man from Oxford forgets his dignity for the time, and girls, but lately emancipated from the schoolroom, drop that new-born sense of importance, and fling themselves into a game with an abandon that is delightful to watch. Considered at any other time, the game would be pronounced by these same young men and women as silly. Yet see how they enjoy it. "Blow-Feather" is one of these games. All that is wanted is a white tablecloth and a feather and some young folk bent on enjoying themselves. One of the number, chosen by lot, stands out while the others sit round the table holding the tablecloth up so as to form a kind of basin. Then the feather is placed in the middle of the cloth, and it is the business of those sitting round to blow it to and fro and prevent the one outside from grabbing it. The feather leaps to and fro while the pursuer makes frantic grabs at it. At last it is caught, and the person nearest to whom the capture was made becomes the pursuer. A new feather is then supplied to replace the crumpled one, and the game





M. JOSEPH REINACH, THE PRINCIPAL DEFENDANT

M. YVES GUYOT, MANAGER OF THE "SIÈCLE," ONE OF THE OTHER DEFENDANTS



"BLOW-FEATHER," A GAME FOR AN EVENING PARTY

## Music of the Week

FATHER PEROS.'S "RESURRECTION OF CHRIST"

EARLY last year musical Italy was startled by the apparition of a new composer whose fame has since run like wildfire through the Peninsula. Rarely indeed has a celebrity been so quickly achieved. Don Lorenzo Perosi, born at Tortona in 1872, a priest and a student at the St. Cecilia Institute, Rome, and of the Milan Conservatory, was practically unknown a twelvemonth ago. He had studied theory under the famous Franz Haberl of Ratisbon, and at the beginning of last year was a priest and organist of St. Mark's Cathedral, Venice. He conceived the idea of a dozen oratorios illustrating various scenes in the life of Christ, and the cardinals at once perceived the possibility of the plan of running Perosi

against the licentious influence of the new Italian operatic school which loves to depict squalid low life on the stage. There did seem to have been an idea of pitting the Vatican against the Quirinal, Perosi being markedly taken up by the Pope, while Mascagni, after the production of his opera Iris, was received in semi-State by the Queen of Italy. Any but amicable rivalry is, however, unlikely, thanks to the friendly attitude taken up towards Perosi's music by Mascagni and Verdi. Last year four oratorios out of the twelve were successively produced in Italy. The Passion of Christ came first, then The Transfiguration and The Raising of Lazarus. Lastly, in mid-December, in one of the chief churches of Rome, before a "record" audience which included fifteen cardinals, The Resurrection came out. The oratorios are practically all of one pattern. The Passions of Bach are the ground plan, the Saviour being a baritone, and the narrator, as a rule, the tenor. The Gospel story is adhered to, and Gregorian tunes are freely used. When occasion needs the music is highly dramatic, and Perosi himself has said, "It is not sacred music that I compose, but operatic music such as a priest may write." The Resurrection of Christ has not yet been published, nor have arrangements been made for its production here; but it is understood to deal in dramatic and very modern though reverential fashion with the stirring scenes enacted at the Holy Sepulchre between the Crucifixion and the first Easter morn; a modern version it may be called of the early com-positions for the Oratory, but of course mainly intended for concert or Church Festival use. All three of the other oratorios may now be obtained in vocal score from Messrs. Ricordi. The Raising of Lazarus will probably be produced at Queen's Hall on May 13, The Transfiguration of Christ at the Worcester Festival in September, and The Passion of Christ at the

#### Norwich Festival in October. LYCEUM AND OTHER OPERAS

At the Lyceum the projected revival of Die Meistersinger was postponed from last Friday, and, although it was again fixed for Thursday of this week, it was once more put off, and it is, we understand, to be abandoned. For Friday of the present week, however, the Carl Rosa Company announced their long-promised production of Tristan und Isolde, for the first time in our tongue in London, although the English version was performed in Liverpool last April. Last Saturday a very average performance of the Bohemian Girl was given, while to-night (Saturday) the troupe will revive Benedict's Lily of Killuney, one of the most popular works in their repertory.

M. Jean de Reszké quished his idea of directing an opera house in Paris. Indeed, the scheme never was a very practical one, for although it is said the

necessary capital had been largely over-subscribed, yet it must have been an up hill task for M. Jean de Reszké or anybody else to carry on an opera season in Paris against the heavily subsidised theatres. The great Polish tenor would, for example, have had to pay rent and Fighting, whereas at the Grand Opéra, Paris, not only are the theatre and lighting gratuitous, but also the managers have a subvention of no less than 32,000%. a year, together with the right to call upon any promising student of the Conservatoire at an extremely moderate salary. M. Jean de Reszké instead, it is said, proposes to found a conservatoire of operatic music in the French capital, where he intends for the future to take up his residence.

#### CCNCERTS

The Queen's Hall Orchestral Concerts were resumed on Saturday. Curiously enough this year the management have entirely eschewed British music, and the same fate has been the lot of Italian, and, with

one solitary exception, of French music. Instead there is a run upon

the Slavonic and Scandinavian composers.

The Philharmonic Society have issued their prospectus, and promise an interesting selection of new works, including a Concertstück by Mr. Cowen, to be played by M. Paderewski, some orchestral "Variations upon an English Theme," by Professor Villiers Stanford, besides a new Symphony in C minor by the Russian composer Glazounow, who will conduct it in person, and a new Pianoforte Concerto by Rachmaninow, who will make his début here as a pianist.

Israel in Egypt, at the Albert Hall last week, was one of the finest performances ever given by the Royal Choral Society. The great single and double choruses, particularly those relating to the Plagues of Egypt in the first part, were rendered with a fire and vigour and with a delicate attention to light and shade, which

THE FIRST PERFORMANCE OF RESURRECTION OF CHRIST," IN THE BASILICA OF SAINT AMBROGIO IN MILAN

DRAWN BY E. XIMENES

proved how admirably Sir Frederick Bridge had trained his torces. This time the absurd expedient adopted by Martin years ago at Exeter Hall, and by Barnby at South Kensington, of entrusting "The Lord is a Man of War" to the male voices of the choir, has been abandoned, and the duet as sung by Mr. Andrew Black and Mr. Watkin Mills was accorded an uproarious encore. Mr. Sims Reeves's concert last week was, no doubt, pecuniarily a success, while from an artistic point of view it showed how veterans like the concert giver himself, now a man of upwards of eighty, and Mr. Santley, who will shortly enter his sixty-sixth year, have preserved their voices by an excellent system of voice production.

WE have been asked to contradict the statement which has been made that there will be a performance of the Passion Play at Oberammergau this year. The next representation will take place

# "Place aux Bames"

BY LADY VIOLET GREVILLE

MAX O'RELL has been preaching about the duty of cheerfulness. MAX O'KELL has been preaching about the duty of cheerfulness. He says he considers the French nation the greatest philosophers. I have been told that gaiety is dying out even in France, and certainly in Ireland the laughter and sparkle of wit seems less common than in the old days, when men lived and even died with a bon-mot on their lips. Max O'Rell's doctrine of life is an excellent one. "Make as many people happy as your service of the service of th excellent one. "Make as many people happy as you can. Live well and live long you will never have another chance." Many

excellent women do their duty nobly and self-sacrificively, yet without an atom of cheerfulness. Religious people are especial sinners in this respect, and, per contra, the bohemian is cheerful with a cheerfulness that nothing can quench. Perhaps that was the secret of his great popularity. Cheerfulness is so catching. It will spread through a whole company. It is of the nature of atmosphere environing everything. The cheerful mistress of the house makes light of difficulties, she laughs at little mistakes or errors that would paralyse a more serious woman, she loves to see every one happy around her, and her bright sparkling eyes, her ready laugh, her sweet smile, cause a feeling of warmth and wellbeing to spread around. This is the art of the good hostess, and no mistress of a famous salon was ever without it. The fact that so many country house parties are dull as ditchwater, that people yawn and look bored, may be traced entirely to the want of brightness of the hostess. Every woman should cultivate cheerfulness as a duty, if she wishes to look young and pretty, and to be a social success. For the wife it is a better virtue than economy, and for the mother a higher quality than even conscientiousness. No one is wicked who laughs innocently.

The American nation has exhibited an unconcealed delight at Lord Curzon's appointment as Viceroy. His wife is called for the first time the Vice-Queen. Hitherto she has only borne her husband's title as Lady Dufferin, Lady Lansdowne. In a transport of enthusiasm the Chicago papers tells us how she intends to revolutionise society in India, and to show them how things ought to be done. They revel in the sums said to have been spent on her trousseau; they declare that 7,500%. will barely cover the price of her clothes, exclusive of jewels and old lace. Her mother has sent over some wonderful baby clothes, all made of the most transparent of muslin and point lace. When one hears of all these wonders one is apt to agree with Verestchagin, the painter, who says that the boasted liberty of American women consists simply in demanding money of their husbands and brothers in order to spend it in their everlasting shopping. Probably in India such gorgeous apparel will please and delight the Eastern mind, and convey to them a conviction of power, but the precedent will be a hard one, if for the future the wives of all our Viceroys and principal officials are expected to dress up to such a standard.

The experiences of old people are always interesting, and their confessions in the pages of one of

the magazines convince one that many more people would live to be old had their parents endowed them with good constitutions which they took the trouble to preserve. Given the vigorous constitution, the secret of long life is easy-cheerfulness, plenty of work, moderate living and sleep. Some are tectotalers, some are not; but all of them still enjoy life. The tireless toilers seem to live the longest, as witness Mr. Giadstone, Miss Cobbe and the Queen herself. Many of these octogenarians began life as delicate persons, which ought to encourage the young who are apt to look upon life as a burden. Miss Yonge, Mrs. Oliphant, Miss Frances Power Cobbe all worked hard as journalists and writers, for it is never work but only worry that kills. A relative of my own, a vivacious old lady of ninety-three years, has had the cares of a large property on her hands all her life. Almost all have practised the same rules of regular exercise, moderation in food and early hours.

# The Bystander

"Stand by."-CAPTAIN CUTTLE

#### BY J. ASHBY-STERRY

THE Flooral Club, which I am endeavouring to organise, has resulted in no inconsiderable addition to my correspondence, and has received not a little attention in many quarters. A merry writer in The News seems to think there are not a few drawbacks to the scheme. He says:-"Surely even the cat would laugh to see a portly bishop try to curl himself up on the hearthrug or the cushions." I do not have many bishops call in to take afternoon tea with me, but should my excellent friend the Bishop of Budleigh Salterton look in one day I think he would find the sundry and various cushions fully equal to the occasion. By the way, "The Bishop and the Flooral Club" would almost seem to suggest a "Bab Ballad" by Mr. W. S. Gilbert. The writer above quoted goes on to make a variety of amusing remarks anent my scheme, and concludes by saying that even I "must admit that the Flooral Club must be closed to ladies." Not at all. I don't admit anything of the kind. Among my correspondence on the subject the most enthusiastic letters I have received have been from ladies. If my critic had only seen a group that I did the other afternoon-which I only wish the late George du Maurier could have pictured-a group that inspired a poem, which I may publish some day-he would have been very speedily converted to my views on the subject.

The horrible weather we have recently experienced leads one to ask why all the cabs in London are not provided with tarpaulin covers for the protection of luggage? I am told that a few of them have this provision—but they are so very few that they have altogether escaped my observation. It is certainly high time that this necessary adjunct were provided throughout the whole of cabdom, for if you happened to drive during some of the everlasting showers we have recently experienced, from Paddington Station to Trafalgar Square, you would find your luggage, if placed outside the cab, would be thoroughly wet through long before you had arrived at your destination. It strikes me, too, that such an arrangement would be without doubt a benefit to the cabman, because he is entitled to twopence a piece for every separate item of luggage carried outside. In rainy weather like that we have recently experienced we make a point of having every portion of our impedimenta-however much it may inconvenience us—inside. It would be quite the reverse if we knew it was properly protected on the outside of the vehicle. Hence I am inclined to think that any cabman who invested in a serviceable tarpaulin would be entirely recouped for his outlay in the course of a week, to say nothing of what he would gain by outside luggage on future occasions.

The hopeless state of mud in which the streets have been lately induces me once more to urge upon the authorities the appointment of official crossing-sweepers. We have scavengers to keep

the roads clean for wheel traffic, why do we not have sweepers to clear the paths for footpassengers? A very minute wheel-tax would easily pay the expense of this. The walkers have the first right to the streets, but in the present day they appear to receive no consideration whatever, they are splashed all over, they are objurgated, they are frightened, they are run over, and no one has a word to say on their behalf. If someone would only organise the Foot Passengers' Protection Society, which I have frequently advocated, doubtless they would be treated with more consideration. Charitable people expend a considerable sum annually on crossing-sweepers, but even then the work is but indifferently done. If you come to think of it, the properly kept crossings are very few indeed compared with the immense area of London, and even those few are but irregularly attended to. In Liverpool at most of the crossings they have a pavement let into the roadway, and this is invariably kept well swept. Surely what is done in Liverpool could be accomplished in London. A little common sense and efficient organisation would soon put an end to our muddy footways, which, as they stand, are simply a disgrace to the richest city in the world.

It is sincerely to be trusted there is no truth in the report that ten thousand trees are to be cut down in Epping Forest for the purpose of constructing golf links. If I mistake not, Epping Forest was preserved especially as a sylvan retreat for the people, and that it was designed emphatically as a playground for Londoners on account of its proximity to the metropolis. Doubtless this was the view the Corporation had when they stepped in and prevented it being converted into eligible building sites It seems rather hard that the enjoyment of the many should be sacrificed to the game of the few; for those who are not enthusiastic golfists hardly think it is a desirable addition to a country stroll to receive a hard golf ball unexpectedly in the eye. In the present day there is such a general disposition to convert the whole of England into one vast golf link that it would be pleasant to think there was at least one spot where you could take a harmless and inossensive country ramble without running the risk of b.ing severely bruised all over by the advent of unexpected missiles. If some protest is not made on the subject we may shortly epect to see golf played in the Parks. Let us at least have a few spots where "linked sweetness long drawn out" is not to be found. It would be not at all a bad idea if this reform were commenced in Epping Forest.



THE HON. WILLIAM JOHN LYDSTON POULETT The Junior Claimant to the Poulett Peerage

There was great jubilation over the fact that the three-volume novel was exterminated, but now it is gone everyone is very sorry. I do not know anything about publishers or authors or libraries, and I do not care twopence whether they are benefited by the change or not. I am speaking entirely as one of the public, altogether from the reader's point of view. To enjoy a book thoroughly you must be allowed supreme comfort in its perusaland you require a deal of comfort to be able to get through some of the publications of the present day—and that comfort is to be obtained, without doubt, in the old three-volume form. To begin with, one volume of the old style was just the right weight to hold, and you were enabled to have a proper pause for reflection and digestion when each third of your task was accomplished. Again, what delightful volumes those were to read—quite irrespective of their literary contents—how pleasant were the wide margins, the big double-leaded type, and how easily the leaves turned over! What a contrast to the closely printed, plethoric, one-volume stories with which we have been recently inundated. Anyone who has the courage to bring out his novel to-day in three volumes will, I have no doubt, be warmly welcomed by countless readers.



WILLIAM TURNOUR THOMAS POULETT The Senior Claimant to the Poulett Peerage

## The Ponlett Peerage

#### THE RIVAL CLAIMANTS TO THE CORONET

THE death of the late Earl Poulett will probably add another chapter to the romance of the Peerage and the vicissitudes of great families, for, as is well known, there are two claimants to the coronet of the Earls Poulett, one of them, the individual whose appearance in the streets with a hand-organ is familiar to most Londoners, and the other a youth of sixteen.

In Dod's "Peerage, Baronetage, and Knightage of Great Britain and Ireland for 1899" the Poulett Peerage is thus set forth:-

POULETT, 6th Earl. William Henry Poulett, only son of the late Vice-Admiral the Hon. George Poulett (who was brother of the 5th Earl), by the eldest daughter of Sir George Dallas, Bart. Born 1827.

He married first'y, June, 1849, Elizabeth Lavinia, daughter of Mr. Newman, of Landrort. She died 1871. He married secondly, in 1871, Emma Sophia Johnson. She died in 1876.

He married secondly, in 1875, Emma Sopina Johnson. See died in 1876. He married thirdly, in 1879, Rosa, daughter of Alfred Hugh de Melville. By his first marriage he has a son, WILLIAM TURNOUR THOMAS, born December 15, 1849, whose legitimacy is in dispute, and who married, in 1869, Miss Lydia Ann Sheppy, and has a son, William Henry George, born 1870. By his third marriage he has a son, WILLIAM JOHN LYDSTON, born in 1883.

These two, therefore, are the claimants: William Turnour Thomas Poulett, the organ-grinder claimant, son of the first wife of Earl Poulett; and William John Lydston, son of the third wife. The elder of these, the organ-grinder claimant, was born, according to Dod's Peerage, on December 15, 1849, within six months of his mother's marriage. The younger, William John Lydston, was born in 1883, and was declared by Earl Poulett to be his only son and the true Viscount Hinton, that being the courtesy title of the eldest sons of the Earls Poulett.

Against this assertion of Earl Poulett the elder claimant carried on his street organ a placard bearing the following inscription:-

I am Viscount Hinton, eldest son of Earl Poulett. I have adopted this as a means of earning a living, my father having refused to assist me through no

In the new edition of "Whitaker's Titled Persons," under the heading "Hinton, Viscount," it is stated that "at present the right to this title, used as a courtesy title of the eldest son of the Earls Poulett, is disputed, the paternity being disclaimed in the case of the elder of the two sons, who is now maintaining himself with a street organ." After the repudiation of his paternity by the Earl, the elder claimant made a living for a while as a singer and then as an actor. An accident having cut short his histrionic career, he took to the streets with an organ. He has a son, William Henry George, born 1870, and two daughters.

The story of the late Earl's first marriage is a romantic one; and there are different versions of it. One thing, however, appears certain, that fifty years ago Lieutenant Poulett, of the 22nd Regiment, then stationed at Portsmouth, married Miss Newman, daughter of a pilot at Landport. It is said that he had seen

or known her before in Ireland. Subsequently he is stated to have left his wife and she went back to her mother. Six months or so after the marriage a boy was born, and upon these alleged facts arise the questions as to the succession. The claimant contends that no question was ever raised during his mother's lifetime (she died in 1871) as to his legitimacy; that if the Earl had had doubts of his paternity he would have expressed them at the birth of the boy; that he would not have continued to pay her allowance or to have increased her income year after year after the boy had reached certain age. Such, therefore, is in brief the case

the elder claimant, and the whole matter is now in the hands of the lawyers. The estates of the Pouletts consist of 11,000 acres of agricultural land, rated at a rental of 22,000%. per annum, and situated on the borders of Somerset.

#### SOME ILLUSTRIOUS ANCESTORS

The early history of the Pouletts is an interesting one. The paternal stem of the family of Hinton St. George is the family of Poulett, Marquis of Winchester, who took their name from the lordship of Poulett in Somerset, or from a manor there, and whose pedigree goes back to the fourteenth century. The Pouletts of Hinton St: George are a branch of that family. Among their ancestors are several who have borne a considerable share in English history. Sir William Poulett was knighted by Henry VI. in the French Wars, and, by his marriage with the heiress of Hinton St. George, became possessed of that lordship. Sir Amias Poulett, his successor, was knighted for his valour at Newark-on-Trent in 1487, when the Earl of Lincoln and Lambert Simnel were defeated. It was Sir Amias Poulett amitted Wolsey to the stocks when the futu great Cardinal was only a schoolmaster at Limington in Somerset. Sir Amias built the house in Fleet Street, afterwards the office of the Duchy of Cornwall, and which has been known as the "Palace of Henry VIII. and Cardinal Wolsey." John Poulett was raised to the Peerage by the title of Baron Poulett of Hinton St. George in 1627, and was knighted, with his eldest son, John, by the Earl of Lindsey on board His Majesty's ship the Mary Honor, in 1635. John, the second Baron, took an active part in the Civil War on the side of the King, and it was his grandson John, the fourth Baron, who was by Queen Anne created Viscount Hinton, of Hinton St. George, and Earl Poulett.—Our portrait of the elder claimant to the Peerage is by the Muswell Photographic Company, and that of the younger by Bullingham, South Kensington.

# Stories of a London Physician

Dr. George Harley was not a man who ever made a great name with the public, though the profession knew and estimated him at his real value. His life on this account as told by his daughter, Mrs. Alec Tweedie, has much more of novelty about it than is usual in such cases, and is not only deeply interesting but leaves the reader with an intense admiration for the man who, cruelly handicapped as was Dr. Harley, yet made so brilliant a reputation, and this in a day when great names stood thicker on the roll of medical fame than now. The book is partly autobiographical, for the doctor was an indefatigable worker, never happy unless he was directing the ceaseless activity of his brain into new unless he was directing the ceaseless activity of his brain into new channels, and any new personal experiences he seems invariably to have transmitted to paper. Thus we have from his own hand vivid accounts of his killing a mad dog which was required for experiment, of his narrow escape from being shot as a spy when his adventurous spirit prompted him to wander from Vienna, where he was studying, towards the Crimea, with again many chapters on life in Paris at the time when Louis Napoleon was trying to uphold a tottering Empire. Here, again, he was nearly shot by a sentry through straying home after eleven at night while the city was under

roll back across the counterpane, feeling perfectly safe, as the box containing further ammunition had been removed.

But they little guessed what the sequel would prove. Almost before the second bullet had rolled the length of the bed, without a sound the poor young man fell back upon his nillow—dead.

When, after long studying abroad, Harley returned to England, he went to Edinburgh to see his old friend Professor, afterwards Sir James, Simpson, in the hope of becoming his assistant:-

My blank astonishment—horror, rather—may be more early imagined than described, when without the slightest word of preface he said:

"You won't do for a howdie;" then, seeing my look of disappointed surprise, he immediately added: "You have educated yourself too well for a howdie Start for Birmingham this afternoon; they want a professor there. I can give you letters that will get you the appointment."

I was so bewildered, as well I might be, at this extraordinary address, that I sat perfectly mute while he looked up Bradshaw for the train he wished me to earch. He found what he wanted, told me the tim: it left Ed hburgh, told me to "call in on your way to the station, and get two letters to take win you."

Not a word more was spoken, for he had stricken me dumb: and we parted.

To cut matters short, he went to Birmingham, did not like the look of it at all, left his letters of introduction, but carefully managed to call with them when he knew the important man to whom he was sent was out, and then walked back to Professor Simpson and explained what he had done, saying that he intended to go abroad again for further study. Professor Simpson was naturally very angry at the cavalier way in which his letters of

Professor Sharpey, the physiologist, was the man who gave Harley the appointment at University College. George Harley was an active member of the Edinburgh University Club, and

A funny story in connection with Dean Stanley at one of these dinners. The great divine sat down beside my father, took up the menu, read it carefully through; and then with a sigh put it down again.

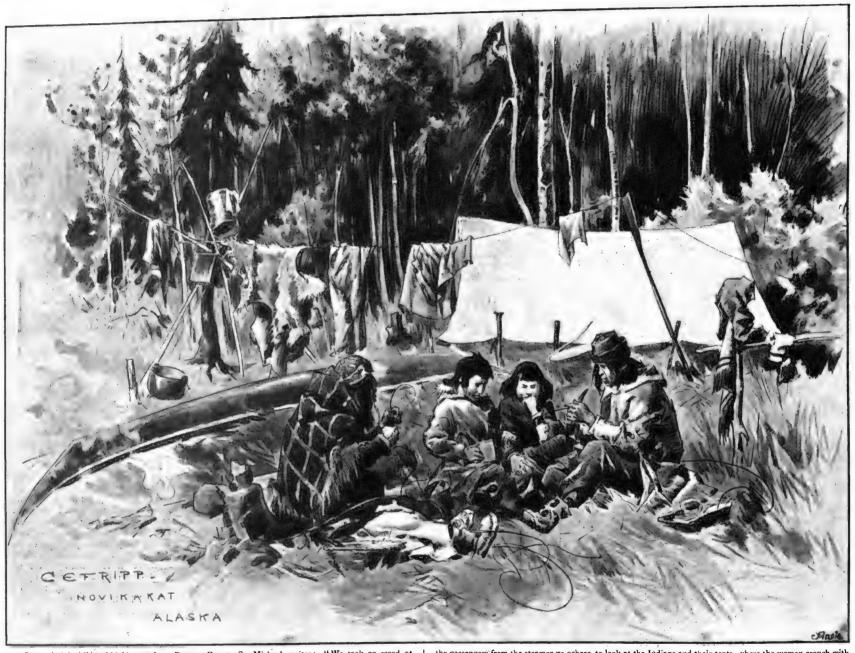
"Very sad, Harley," he said, "very sad, my friend; but I have got such an awful attack of indigestion, I dare hardly eat anything, and haggis is my invourite dish."

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The doctor condoled, and they chatted pleasantly for a while, but at last, though much engrossed by the conversation of his neighbour on the other side, my lather was surprised to hear the Dean's squeaky voice saying:
"Waiter! waiter! don't you hear me?" as he prod led the offending attendant in the back with his fork; "bring me some more of that haggis before it is all gone—and be quick!"

These are a testing of Productions.

There are stories of Baron Liebig and the manner in which he came to invent his famous extract, anecdotes of wanderings in Spain and of many famous people, but a large part of the latter half of the book is taken up with the temporary blindness which drove Dr. Harley into idleness for two years, idleness adorned with days and nights of sleepless agony. Fearful though it must have been to him to be deprived of his work, doubtful of the future, and haunted by the dread of never seeing again, Dr. Harley seems to have retained his spirits, and turned his inquiring mind on to the subject of



Our artist, describing his journey from Dawson City to St. Michael, writes:—"We took on wood at Novikakat, a name showing that we had reached regions once under the influence of the Russians at St. Michael, still some 800 miles distant. All these places are alike; a store, a few log cabins, and Indian tents on a clearing of the timbered bank, where a few scarecrows of Indians assemble to look at the steamer, while

the passengers from the steamer go ashore to look at the Indians and their tents, where the women crouch with pipes in the middle of their flat Aunt Sally like physiognomies. At this spot birch trees were the prevailing feature of the timber, at the edge of which there was quite a mass of purple flowering willow shrub, which the Indians work into baskets"

TO KLONDYKE AND BACK: BASKET-MAKING AT AN INDIAN ENCAMPMENT ON THE YUKON

DRAWN BY OUR SPECIAL ARTIST, C. E. FRIPP

martial law. Recalling his adventure at dinner the next day, a French officer who was present animadverted strongly on the sentry for not having fired!

In his boyhood his thirst for adventures began, because we read that when at Edinburgh Castle he crawled into "Mons. Meg" to assonish people by speaking "twa words or three" through the flouch-hole, and astonished himself by not being able to get out. Indeed, not until a squad of soldiers were brought was he rescued from the old cannon. Though wild and adventurous, he was never a practical joker, and the origin of his dread of practical joking is said to have arisen from his story of a medical student friend, who declared that he had no fear or belief in ghosts. His friends tested him with the common ghost, composed of a sheet over a broom, and failed to alarm him, in fact only made him announce that he would do for the ghost next time. The students were quite ready for the next time.

Two or three of these young fellows stayed outside the door while their chosen companion impersonated the ghost. He glided in. Through the darkness the long gaunt figure was visible to the drowsy sleeper; who sat bolt upright in bed. He glared upon the ghost, put his hand under his pillow, found the pistol he had bought for the purpose, took aim, and fired. The ghost stood his ground. Slowly and silently the bullet rolled back to the affrighted man across the counterpane. He fired the second chamber; the second bullet quietly rolled back again as before.

Having heard that he had procured a revolver, one of he students crept up to his room last thing, and extracted the two bullets, which he gave to the ghost to

introduction had been treated, but he seems to have had a soft place in his heart for the young medico, whom many years before he had nearly killed by experimenting on him with chloroform -- (Harley was one of the three or four people on whom he first experimented). —and stood by him when, after his return from abroad, he wished for and obtained the appointment of Lecturer on Practical Physiology and Histology at University College. After this, like many another, he thought that when he put up a doorplate, patients and guineas would come rolling in, but after his first year at 22, Nottingham Place, he took down the plate, packed it in his portmanteau, and moved away, as he had taken five guineas only, two of which came from a lady on the drawing-room floor. Clever scientist though he was, George Harley was not proof against the plausible impostor, as several stories show :-

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One evening a gentleman called, and, after telling him a sad tale or woe about one of his children being dead in Edinburgh, and explaining that he was an intimate friend of Dr. Sharpeys, whom he had gone to see with the intention of asking him for the loan of 31, to get back to Edinburgh by that night's train, he went on to state that, finding that Dr. Sharpey was from home, be ventured to call on Dr. Harley and beg his assistance in so sudden and great an emergency. As related it seem distich a prifit story that the 51, was at once hand dover. A few days after, when my father saw Sharpey, he said to him:

"Wasta sad case that is of your friend Mr. B—."

"My friend," exclaimed Sharpey. "I never saw him in my life till he came to borrow 52, to take him to Elinburgh, where his child lay dead. He told me he was an old friend of yours, but you were out of town; would I therefore help him? And I did."

"For nine long weary months," writes the doctor, "I never saw a human face, not even my own, and many were the strangers introduced to me during that time, regarding the appearance of every one of whom I had formed a definite mental photograph, always, without a single exception, better looking than the

original.

"We pity the blind for not seeing, and justly too; but little do seeing reople drean, that those devoid of physical sight live in an imaginative world of their own, far more beautiful, far more perfect, far more minute in its detail, than any which the visual eye is capable of creating for us."

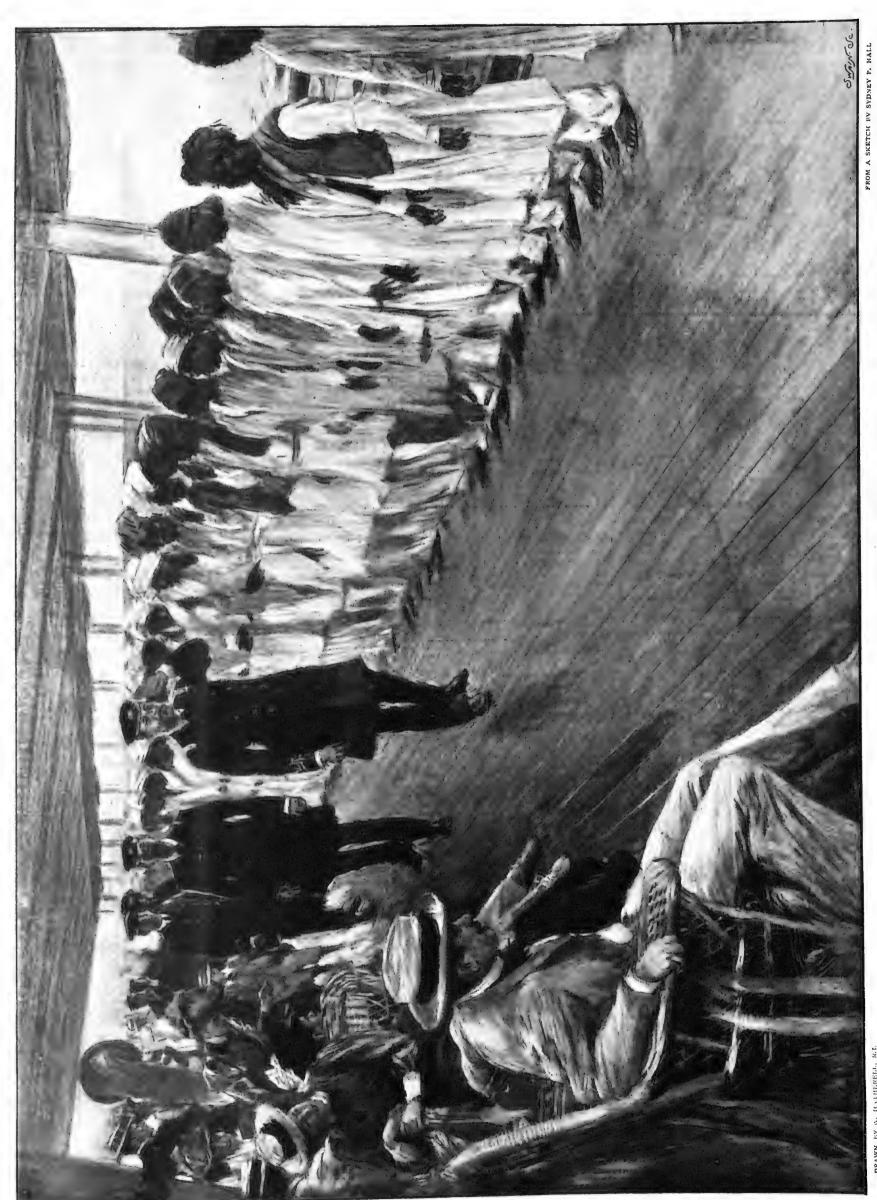
He made experiments when he was allowed first to see again if he could recognise people with whom he had been familiar for months by touch and description, but failed utterly, while, writes

Perhaps one of the strangest symptoms, or results, of my father's banishmen into the land of darkness was that, instead of losing his visual power by blind ness, his vision became excessively acute; but he did lose for a considerable time the power of differentiating colours; everything appeared to him as either black or white.

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Gradually the invalid became able to discriminate between blue and red, yel ow and green, and would have little pieces of silk of the different colours placed before him and pick them out, adding their names as he handed them to my mother. A first he was often wrong, and, strangely enough, the last colours in the was ever able to classify were greys and maives. For the first month all mauves, blues, greens, and yellows appeared perfectly white, while greys, browns, and reds looked distinctly black.

More than this, my father had entirely lost the capacity for calculating distances, even the shortest, by the eye. Two facts which he maintained prove that the calculation of distances and the distinction of colour by the sight are not intuitive, but rather the offspring of education, and explain why infants continually knock over the things they try to take hold of,



LIFE ON BOARD

"Mhat will the Morld Say?"

By W. MOY THOMAS

we have seen worse pieces of its class would be little to the point,

for we want to see better, and we have no doubt that we shall see

better when this young dramatist has learnt to rely on his own

invention and observation of life. He is ambitious, he is perse-

vering, and he has shown on a previous occasion true dramatic

instincts; but at present he is passing through that imitative stage from which at the commencement of their career few young writers

wholly escape. Unfortunately he has aggravated his offence by choosing unworthy models. His story is a satire upon snobbishness and social ambition; but it is treated in a conventional fashion which does not at any point carry conviction to the mind of the spectator. Prosperous solicitors there may have been who desire to marry a daughter to a vulgar Peer of the realm, and who think to dazzle the world by taking a mansion in Park Lane; but they could hardly have been so simple-minded as Mr. Bancroft's Mark Westoby, who is content with a Peer for his son-in-law, though this titled personage is reduced to gain a living by driving a hansom cab about town, and who invites the entire Press of London to inspect his newly hired mansion—though he has nothing to show his visitors but some ordinary drawingroom furniture supplied by a well-known house in Tottenham Court Road. Mr. Westoby, having

made a fortune by his practice as a solicitor, must

be presumed to possess some amount of worldly shrewdness; but how comes it that this astute man

of the law has allowed himself to be involved in a swindling company, the collapse of which brings

discredit on his name? Mr. Edward Terry does all that could be done with this purely artificial

personage, but his eccentric humour could not

conceal the inconsistency and unreality of the portrait. A piece of acting deserving of a

better occasion was supplied by Miss Carlotta

Addison as Westoby's wife, who in vain warns her husband of the inevitable result of his follies; but it is impossible not to feel that a wife

with so decisive a character and so sound a judgment

would in ordinary life have gained more influence and wavering a partner. Westoby's daughter

over so weak and wavering a partner. Westoby's daughter Betty, who escapes from her father's foolish matrimonial project

by eloping with a young lover, who, though not sociably distinguished, is more likely to make her a good husband, is prettily

played by Miss Frances Dillon, and there is an honest, manly manner

in Mr. Marsh Allen's Geoffrey Passmore which decidedly tends to con-

firm the young lady's preference. The humours of Betty's intriguing maiden aunts, Priscilla, Drusilla, and Camilla, are too crude and

mechanical to be amusing, though these parts are respectively played by such capable actresses as Miss M. A. Victor, Miss Susie Vaughan and Miss Lydia Rachel. Mr. Bancroft has

chosen for the motto of his play a poetical quotation, which concludes with the proposition that "there's nothing true but

Heaven;" but it is to be hoped that the truth, which is so conspicuously wanting in its pictures of life of "the present day" will

To say of Mr. Bancroft's new comedy at TERRY's Theatre that

A wonderfully interesting chapter is that which describes the household of that eccentric old naturalist, Squire Waterton, while the glimpses of the Royal Society Club, which, in 1893, celebrated the hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its foundation, and of which Dr. Harley was a distinguished member, are most interesting. As a concluding story though, delightful in its illustration of the Scottish dislike to not getting value for money expended. It refers to Dr. Sharpey, the famous physiologist, who one day astonished Dr. Harley by saying at lunch:-

"I'm going to be married, Harley."
"What I' exclaimed my father, looking at the o'd gentleman, who was almost blin l, in perfect amazement; time recovering himself he a ded: "I hope you will be very happy, and are getting a next suitable and sensible wife, who will look well after

a ded: "I hope you will be very happy, and are get you."

"Nonsense! nothing of the sort!" replied the elderly scientist indignant y. "I'm going to marry a most brautiful girl of seventeen or eighteen."

My father hardly knew what to reply, for Dr. Sharpey was now seventy and had been a bachelor all his life.

"Don't you approve of my idea," asked the intending Benedict, "that you sit there so silent?"

"Thee! tather knocsed over; I'm a little surprised."

"What! that a girl will have me?"

"Oh no, not at all; but that you, with your confirmed bachelor ways, should think of a girl."

"Well, the fact is, I don't think I shall live long now; that is why I have decided to marry."

This information only made his determination the more remarkable, until he vouchsafed the explanation that for some fifty years he had been a subscriber to the Scottish Wilows, Fund, his mother having thought it a good thing for him to begin as a young man. When, however, he got to be about sixty, and still found himself unmarred, he wrote to have his name taken from the books. This the company refused point blank, declaring notens w lens he must go on paying to the day of his death. At seven y he again appealed to be released from his yearly payments, but with the same result; and so now, feeling that his days were numbered, he iaughingly declared he was ready on his deathbed to provide for some young and beautiful damsel, provided the lady were willing to marry h m at so late a hour in order to secure the pension to procure which he had paid premiums for half a centure.

Alas for the sake of the unknown charmer, the good man died unmarried!

One leaves this book reluctantly, feeling that one has been in the company of a man of exceptional

One leaves this book reluctantly, feeling that one has been in the company of a man of exceptional quality who struggled against almost overwhelming difficulties. Not many men would have had the courage to return again and again as he did to the field of his labours, and build up anew the fabric of his life's work ruthlessly shattered by illness; but he did this brilliantly, and even when compelled to give up his microscopic work, where he was pre-eminent, he turned his energies into other channels with unflagging energy. A pioneer of medical science in England, it pained him to see England lagging behind so wofully in the race

with Germany, Austria, and France, but he lived to see splendid fruit of his labours and English science second to none. That he was a disappointed man to a certain extent is doubtless true, but this never spoiled his nature, and in the profession himself and his work were always estimated at their true value. A brilliant conversationalist, too, he was popular wherever he went, but the last impression left after reading Mrs. Tweedie's delightful book is of a great man struggling against fate Peroically. Pity it is that in such cases the

mind should not have a body robust enough to keep up with it. ("George Harley, F.R.S." By Mrs. Alec Tweedie. Scientific Press, Ltd.)

## The Unite Princess of Bulgaria

GREAT grief is felt in Bulgaria at the death of the Princess of Bulgaria, which occurred on Tuesday. Her Royal Highness gave birth to a daughter on Monday, and her death was due to an attack of influenza complicated with pneumonia, followed by the weakness consequent upon premature confinement. The

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Princess Marie Louise de Bourbon was born in Rome on January 17, 1870, and was, consequently, just twenty-nine years old. She was the daughter of Don Robert de Bourbon, Duke of Parma, grandson of Louis XIV. and founder of the Spanish Bourbon dynasty. The Princess was educated by an English lady, Miss Mary Frayer, who afterwards became a Lady-in-Waiting. In 1893 she married Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria. A son was born to them in 1894, Prince Boris. The Princess had strong bliefings to his being received into the Creek Church as objections to his being received into the Greek Church, as desired by the Prince. In 1896, in spite of her objections, the Prince had the child baptised in the Greek Church. After



THE LATE PRINCESS OF BULGARIA AND PRINCE BORIS

that the Princess left Bulgaria with the little Prince, and lived away for some time. A reconciliation, however, subsequently took place, and she returned. The Tsar took Prince Ferdinand into his favour after the baptism of the child, and the Prince was recognised by all the Powers as Prince of Bulgaria. Three more children were subsequently born to the Prince and Princess—Prince Cyril, Prince Eudoxia, and the daughter who was born on Monday in such unhappy circumstances.

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so; and a formidable illustration of the near alliance of great wits and madness besides. For the mess her cleverness makes of her life amounts to tragedy. She, an advanced woman of the most active order, and her intensely conservative husband, arrange to follow their own public lives independently of one another—even as opponents on occasion—and the experiment makes havoc of the domestic happiness of two good people who love one another. The situation is only terminated by Dagmar's death from malignant smallpox, the result of her having turned her (and her husband's) house into a hospital for all sorts and conditions of women. Nevertheless we are to understand that her life was not lost as an inspiration to her fellow-women of great things-always supposing that any things can be greater than small duties. The novel is ally written, pathetic, and interesting even to persons who are beginning to get too much from lady-writers about their sex's future.

"Mary Gifford, M.B." (Gardner, Darton, and Co.), is not so nuch about women as about a woman—one who tells the story of now, having obtained a medical degree with very high honours, she failed to get a West End practice, and devoted herself to philanthropic work in the poorest part of Hoxton. Her portraiture of the slums will be found only too painfully realistic by all who have had the smallest practical experience of them; and not a few who have had the most will, it is to be feared, be tempted to share in the semi-pessimist impression that work in them is of great benefit-to the workers. At any rate, "Mary Gifford, M.B.," is a book that everybody ought to read, and that nobody will regret reading.

#### "THE SILVER CROSS"

The prevalent Dumas fever is presumably answerable for "The Silver Cross" (Hutchinson and Co.), by S. R. Keightley. Based on the convenient antagonism between Cardinal Mazarin and Madame de Chevreuse, it may be taken as an illustration of the favour shown by fortune to fools; for surely the hero and narrator of the story, Alphonse de Fontanzes, is pre-eminent even among those of his order for self-complacent fatuity. In that respect the novel is rather amusing; and that it is full of the usual perils and escapes follows from our first sentence. In short it is a rather favourable specimen of a class of which to know one is to know all.

"ANGEL"

Mr. Howard, a great landowner in the north of England, finding that his fiancée was secretly carrying on with a pirate, failed to turn up in church on his intended wedding day, and hid himself in lodgings at a lonely spot on the north coast of Cornwall. Here he casually meets an octoroon, who turns out to be his own long lost mother, married to another pirate-one of the first-class sort, who punctuates his harangues with "Ha, ha?!" The first Pirate turns



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out to be the second pirate's son, and, therefore, Mr. Howard's half-brother; while a pretty girl named "Angel" turning out not to be Mr. Howard's sister, is left to make him happy when a storm, helped by wreckers, clears the stage of all such relations as might prove objectionable. Such is the general outline of the novel which Mrs. Ensell has named after the pretty girl; and anybody who likes the outline will be certain to like the book.

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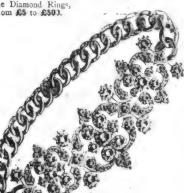
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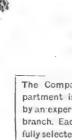


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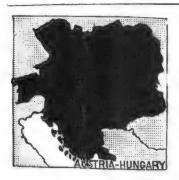
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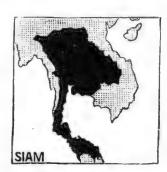




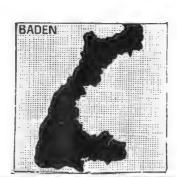
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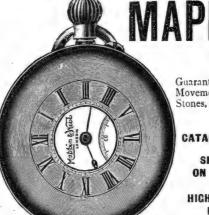
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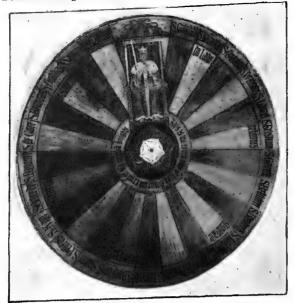


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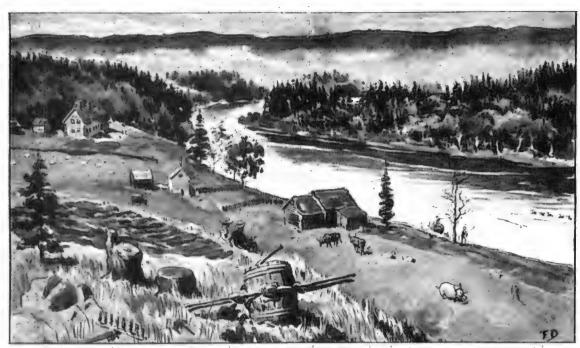
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# FARMING AND SPORT IN NEWFOUNDLAND

WRITTEN BY D. W. PROWSE, Q.C., AND ILLUSTRATED BY FRANK DADD, R.I., FROM SKETCHES BY J. W. HAYWARD



Mr. Geo. Nicholls, whose farm and new house on the upper reach of the Humber are shown, settled here twenty-seven years ago, when there were but few white men in the district other than the trappers and lumberers, of whom he was one



Placentia was the old French capital. In the foreground are French cannon dismounted and thrown from the top of the hill

GREAT PLACENTIA FROM CASTLE HILL



This is one of the finest spots for salmon and trout in season, though few are to be had at any other time A PICNIC PARTY ON THE SALMONIER RIVER, AT THE HEAD OF ST. MARY'S BAY

SWITZERLAND has been well named "the playground of Europe." In a very special manner Newfoundland should be the playground of America. Her whole interior is one great deer-park, a huge game enclosure, uninhabited save by the few section men along the railway line. The only poachers on her preserves are a stray Mic-Mac Indian or an odd white man. All over this vast, wild country, larger than Ireland, wander great herds of the lordly caribou, finest of the reindeer tribe. Dr. Davis, who wrote a book on deershooting in the colony, says his party in a space of about fifty square miles saw upwards of 900 caribou. The deer migrate north in the spring after the does have brought forth their fawns. In the autumn they proceed again to the south-west, following beaten tracks. These have been so long used by the countless herds of migrants that the very stones are worn smooth in the ruts by the passing thousands.

Deer-stalking is the sport of Princes in Europe. In our colony it is one of the common occupations of a Newfoundland fisherman, especially on the S.W. coast, where he has grand battues in the winter; many are also killed north in a very ignominious way, when passing over lakes and rivers, as depicted in one of the sketches. Formerly the deer-shooter had to get on the grounds through much labour and toil; to-day, with the railway, he can begin his stalking almost at any point on the line beyond Glenwood. The most delightful sport is obtained by taking camp, canoe, and guides down one of the lakes or rivers; by this means a larger range of country is obtained. Any ordinary decent shot can kill caribou. A good rifle with a heavy bullet is required. Sport begins in July; there is a close season for a short time in October. No more than three stags and two does can be killed by one person, and the license for the non-resident is 201. (100 dols.).

I will admit the soft impeachment, I am not a deer-stalker. The hunter for big game will find the very best information in Admiral Sir W. Kennedy's book, "Sport and Travel in Newfoundland and the West Indies," and in Dr. Davis's later work. Like old Sommerville, I think—

Of all the joys that sporting yields, Give me to range the stubble fields Quite early in September.

Game shooting over dogs is, to my mind, the most delightful of all outdoor recreations.: Our bird, the willow grouse, both on the table and on the moots, is equal, if not superior, to his Scotch compeer. For fifty years this has been my favourite diversion, nothing has ever kept me from being out on the first day. I am as keen after it as a young lieutenant commander of my acquaintance who shot along the shores of a Scotch loch, the crew of H.M. gunboat acting as beaters, whilst the cook steered and two hands manned the engine-room. Newfoundland moors, locally known as "barrens," lie high, and it is a stiff pull to get up to them; there are often woods to go! through, your guide says "a few scattered trees," you find it is a dense forest of half a mile. At last you arrive, blown and hot, pull yourself together, for Don on your right is on a hot scent. How fresh the air feels. Before you lie long level plains bordered with low woods carpeted everywhere with berry-bearing shrubs-blue berries (Hurts in the vernacular), marsh berries and every variety of wild fruit. By this time Don, slowly roading, sets as steadily as if carved in stone, whilst Bang and Shot, rare old dogs, are backing. What can be more delightful than to watch perfect setters, especially if you have trained them yourself? Just as you approach Don there is a whirl of wings and a dozen brown birds are in the air; you lose your nerve and shoot into the brown or, a cool old hand, you bag right and left. But, well or ill, your Irish guide consoles you. If it is an easy pot shot, "Bedad," says he, "that was a nate touch;" for a blundering disgraceful miss, "Arrah, who could hit'em at all, at all? sure they're as wild as hawks." With very hard walking and very straight powder and very good dogs, you wind up the long day with a bag of, perhaps, ten brace. As a general thing I am not a good shot, but I have had always wonderfully good sport when going through the country on duty as judge and magistrate with the constabulary. Once, in sight of the police, witnesses and prisoners, I shot a whole covey of grouse without a miss. Each time for the eight birds I had to swing round to kill with the left barrel. The last grouse fell into a cleft of the rock, and I helped to lower down one of the prisoners—a slim fellow—by the heels until he could grasp the bird with his hands. These delinquents were all good gunners; they might not value my law, or respect my justice, but they realised that my aims were true.

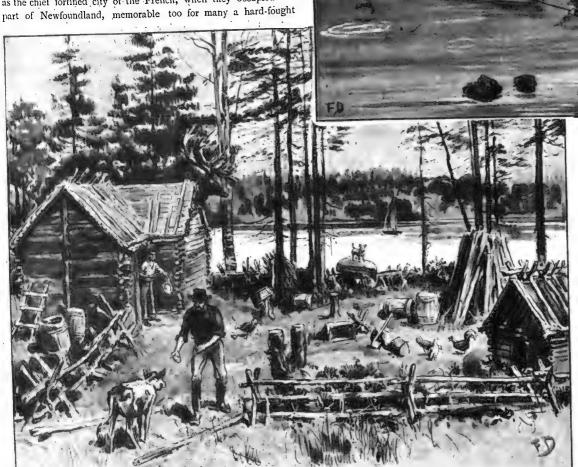
To the fly fisherman, Newfoundland offers the most unrivalled attractions. There are lakes and rivers innumerable, all full of trout and salmon, a veritable angler's paradise that would have delighted old Izaak Walton's heart. Our waters seem specially suited to the salmonidæ. Loch Leven and Rainbow trout from California have thriven marvellously, fish of four, five, six, and even seven pounds weight have been taken near St. John's from lakes stocked with the imported ova. There is not only plenty of sport for the common bait fisher, but the refined artist of the fly will be still more gratified with sea trout, brown trout, and salmon. By virgin streams, by moors where the wild birds have never seen the face of man, where the grouse lie as tame as chicken; by lovely placid lakes, past woods and mountains, the hunter, the canoeist, the angler and the mere camper-out may wander at his own sweet will, enjoying



This town is two miles from Great Placentia LITTLE PLACENTIA FROM THE RAILWAY

as only the real lover of nature, the true sportsman, can enjoy, the fragrant breath of the pine forests, the joy of the wild island scenery, sometimes rugged, often grand, always beautiful.

The late S. G. W. Benjamin, one of the most accomplished art critics of the New York Century Magazine, writing about the west coast of Newfoundland, says:—"The sun also came out, the clouds rolled away, and the magnificent scenery of the Bay of Islands lay around us. We felt more than repaid for the efforts required for us to reach it. The coast scenery of the world offers few prospects more grand, more varied, more enchantingly beautiful than this; certainly on the Atlantic Coast of North America it is not to be found." The Humber River and Deer Lake are just as beautiful as this famous Bay. Your artist has drawn two angling sketches, scenes familiar to all who live in the capital of the colony. The beautiful little river at Salmonier, and the estuary and stream at Placentia—the latter, a very picturesque, beautiful spot. Famous as the chief fortified city of the French, when they occupied this part of Newfoundland, memorable too for many a hard-fought



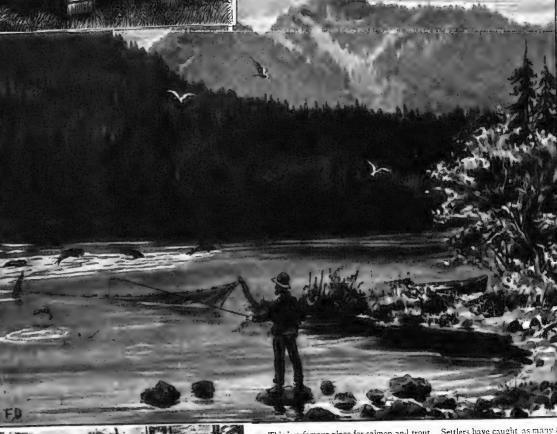
This farm of ten acces on the Humber Arm was cleared in a year HALCYON FARM

engagement between the rival powers; it is now connected by railway with St. John, and is a favourite resort for fishermen and grouse shooters. Both rivers in the season abound with trout and salmon. They are small, and the salmon, though sometimes very plentiful, do not run large. Salmonier Arm, a fine sheet of water, lies at the bottom of St. Mary's Bay on the south coast, and the river gives very good sport, twenty, thirty, and lately fifty, grilse were taken there by two rods in one day.

Salmon rivers abound all over the island. The most celebrated on the west coast are the Humber, Grand River Codroy, Little Codroy, Harry's Brook. On this last-named stream a son of Sir W. V. Whiteway caught a thirty-five-pound fish, the chaplain of II.M.S. Cordelia a thirteen-pounder last season. In the north, at Hare Bay, a twenty-five-pound fish was taken. Captain Farquhar, R.N., H.M.S. Buzzard, bagged fifty fish one day, and the rest of the officers made up a hundred.

Nothing can exceed the beauty of some of our southern and western rivers. The Humber, both in its upper and lower reaches, is wonderfully picturesque; Sandy Pond River could rival the Thames at Richmond. To my own fancy, however, the Grand Codroy, both for sport and beauty, has no equal in the island. When in full flood it is as large as the Severn, and the fishing extends over forty-five miles on the main stream, and for a considerable distance on one of its branches.

In June of last year, an American, Mr. Howells, in about ten days' fishing landed 800 lb. weight of good, clean run salmon; they ranged from 17 lb. to 7 lb. I went there with a party of friends in



This is a famous place for salmon and trout. Settlers have caught as many as 200 barrels here in summer. Seals go up to the lakes in great (unders, and it is a curious sight to see them following each other. They dive first and then with the impetus thus gained, they jump much like porpoises, but leaping quite out of the water. The net shown in the illustration is for salmon

#### CAVE SEALS ASCENDING THE HUMBER RIVER

July. Our rods went astray; with the exception of one member of the party, a nephew of Professor Jebb, M.P., we had very poor None of us were really experts; I frankly admit that I am only a very inferior exponent of the noble and gentle art of fly fishing. We hooked over twenty fish in one pool alone, and landed less than half. We were rather late for the river, but we had capital sport; between us we bagged enough salmon to feed the gang of men engaged on the railway bridge for two days, and brought eight fish aboard the steamer. All the big salmon had gone up the river, and our catch were all grilse, but lively ones, averaging four to five pounds. Trouting is the young islanders' favourite amusement; he counts his catch by the dozen. Fifty years ago one who took a day off for sport was thought to have entered the very gates of perdition. I remember an old Scotchman whispering to me, "Sandy McPhail, the grocer, has gone awa' feshing; he does not wesh it to be generally known, for fear it may injure his bisness."

The Graphic, in reviewing my History of Newfoundland, credited me with having discovered the Island for modern readers, as truly as did old Cabot in 1498. The true discoverer of Newfoundland for the tourist, the sportsman, and the speculator, is the railway and Mr. R. G. Reid's fine steamer Bruce. Before the advent of

AT HORSE POINT BOG, DEER FERRY LAKE: COOKING KIDNEYS AFTER A KILL



GENERAL VIEW OF DEER FERRY LAKE, OR BRIEN'S POND, WITH DEER CROSSING



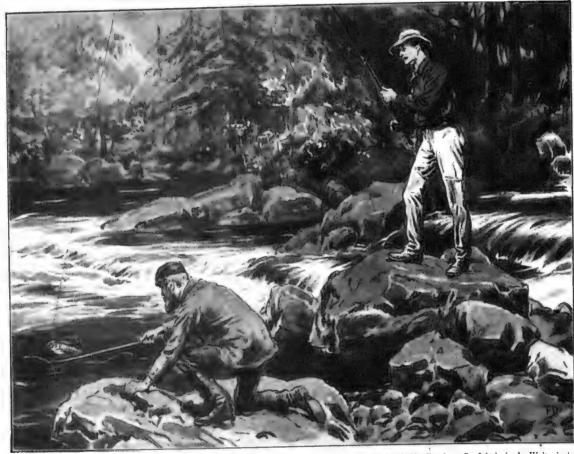


SALMONIER DEER PARK: A FAVOURITE STALKING GROUND



The Messrs. Constable are sons of the publisher, and grand-nephews of Sir Walter Scott. They came here over five and twenty years since, and then gave up the place for seventeen or eighteen years; but hearing in London of the advent of the railway, they returned here and cleared a plantation

THE RESIDENCE OF MESSRS. CONSTABLE AT NORRIS'S ARM, GREEN BAY



This spot, at the north-east arm of Placentia Bay on the way to Whitbourne, and about four and a half miles from St. John's, is the Waltonian's Paradise. Beyond the pends there is good deer ground

SALMON FISHING AT PLACENTIA

the line across the country; Newfoundland lay outside the world, remote, unfriended, and unknown. To-day she is linked with the railway system of America, fairly launched on the ways of progress.

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In all the provinces of the Canadian Dominion agriculture is the chief occupation of the people, the main source of wealth. In Newfoundland alone, the fishery overshadows all other industries; until within the last half century it was really the only business pursued in the colony. The ingathering of the great harvest of the sea has in no small degree retarded the progress of the island. The fish wealth so abundantly procured all around her shores has obscured the wealth of the forest, the mine, and the soil. The repressive policy pursued by England towards the colony for over three centuries has also had a most baneful effect. It will hardly be credited that it was only on June 26, 1814, that the Governor, Sir R. Keats, was permitted to issue grants of land, and the widow of Sir Thomas Cochrane, the first Newfoundland ruler who was allowed to make roads in the colony, is still alive. The records of the island contain some extraordinary instances of this barbarous attempt to stop its natural development. The idea was to keep Newfoundland simply as a station for the ship fishermen from England. Everything which interfered in any way with this business was to be sternly repressed. There is quite a lively discussion in the old journals about a Newfoundlander who dared to put a chimney in his house. Before a House of Commons Committee one old west country merchant said he was informed that the natives were going to make roads, next thing they would be driving carriages, and what was to become of the fishery then?

It must always be remembered that the Newfoundlanders of this century have had all these things to contend with; the island is yet in its infancy. As regards modern progress, its real birth may be dated from the building of the first railway in 1881. Now that the line is completed, and we are closely connected with the continent, all good things are possible for us in the future. Newtoundland as an agricultural country must not be judged from the appearance of its eastern seaboard. The land on this side of the island is generally a shallow loam with a substratum of gravel round the capital and neighbourhood. Where it has been well cultivated it yields splendid crops, and the farming is as good as can be found anywhere in the provinces. Wheat, barley, oats, and all common vegetables are raised in abundance, and of super-excellent quality. Cattle put out to graze on the wild rective fatter quicklys sheep fed on our high grassy downs pastures fatten quickly; sheep fed on our high grassy downs produce the finest mutton in America. The colony as a field for agriculture must not be estimated from the Atlantic side. Its Western shore presents quite a different aspect. Last summer, where I was camped salmon fishing on the Grand River Codroy, I pointed out to my companion, a Shropshire squire, nephew of Professor Jebb, M.P., the soil around our tent, a deep black loam. I saw our men drive stakes into it over two feet. I asked him his opinion, as a practical farmer. His reply was that it was as fine originating land as could be found in England or anywhere else. agricultural land as could be found in England or anywhere else. There was no mistake about its quality and the extent of splendid soil in both these Codroy valleys. The scenes which your artist has drawn on the Humber River and at Nichol's Farm show some of the difficulties a new settler has to contend with, and his success. Good land in the colony generally carries good timber, and on all these fertile river valleys and lakes, the Gander, Humber Exploits, Terra Nova, Deer Lake, there are over two million acres waiting for the pioneer. To my own mind the two valleys of the Codroy rivers contain not only the finest land, but the very best situation. The railway runs along close to the river for over twenty miles. The river itself is navigable for a long distance, and the sea coast is accessible in winter when the eastern coast is beset with ice. The farming on the west coast until recently was of the most primitive description, and was chiefly carried on by Acadians from Cape Breton and Nova Scotia. Recently improved implements have been introduced, hay is baled and fat cattle are now regularly shipped over the line to St. John's. Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Cape Brcton are all considered fairly good agricultural countries, all contain plenty of barren land, so does Newfoundland, so does England. At the same time there is, especially in the river valleys as in Nova Scotia, a large proportion of really admirable soil, only waiting for the plough to make it bring forth abundantly the fruits of the earth. The land laws are liberal. Each settler not only obtains a free grant but a bonus for clearing the land. The distance from home is just half the length of the passage to New York.

the passage to New York.

Every second day you may write and receive letters from England by penny post. Crime in the island is practically unknown. In all new countries there are drawbacks and hardships for the new settler. He has to be industrious and work hard, rise early and take rest late. On the east coast spring is precarious and backward: on the west the climate resembles Nova Scotia and the Maritime Provinces. Summer is later all over America than in England. The winters in the island are milder than in Canada.

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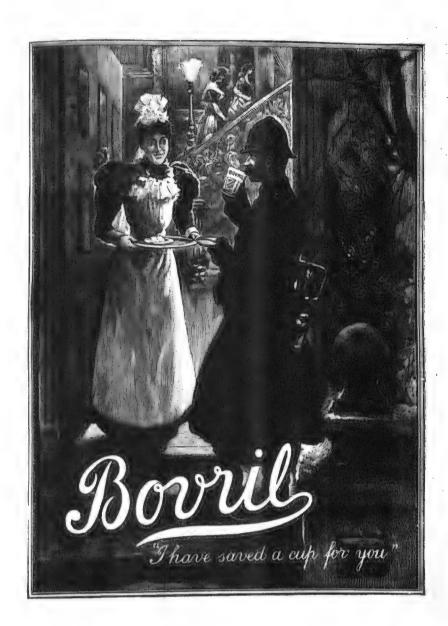
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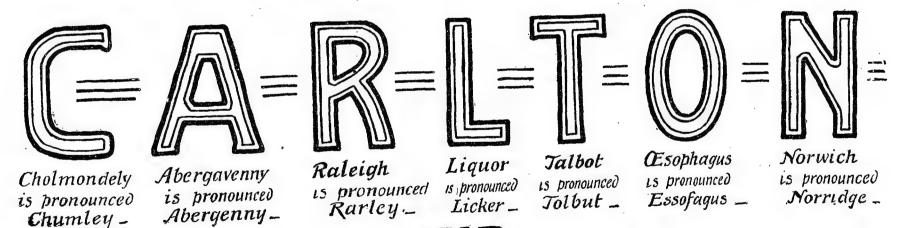


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to reek of damp and caused much ill-health in byre, pen, and stable as well as in hall and cottage. The Irish farmer would now like a frosty February so as to begin sowing spring corn on the 1st

BARLEY

At a time when barley-sowing for the season is about to begin in earnest, Mr. Wrinch of Ipswich does well to warn his brother farmers -as he has done in a small pamphlet just issued-against sowing four bushels of ordinary seed rather than two bushels to the acre of selected pedigree grain. The plant can easily be too thick. The cost of two bushels of ordinary malting barley would be 8s., and that of fine selected seeding barley 18s., but the ordinary seed would not give more than five qrs. to the acre, which at 30s. per qr. wo ld be 7% 10s., less 8s. for seed, or 7% 2s. net, whereas from the pedigree seed at least six quarters might fairly be hoped for, and the quality also being better a price of 35s. per qr. should be tolerably secure. This gives us 10l. 10s., less 18s. for seed, or 9l. 12s. net, or a gain of 21. 10s, per acre from this extra initial outlay of half a sovereign. The importance of the matter with the barleysowing season near at hand must be one excuse for urging it upon our rural readers. The barley crop of Great Britain is of singular interest to statesmen as well as to farmers themselves, for it is the one cereal crop in which we are practically uninterfered with by foreign competition. The Germans use their own fine barley and send us less and less every season, while the Californian growers seem to be slackening in energy, and at present only 50,000 qrs. are on passage from that country. Thus in barley-growing, if in any cereal, should farming pay in this country on its own merits.

EQUALISING RAINFALL

Unlike some other measures for which those bodies are responsible, the action of the County Councils of Birmingham and London in applying for areas of Welsh mountain land whence they may derive a constant water supply, has real elements of statesmanship about it. The London water companies propose for the metropolis a counter scheme which would provide immense reservoirs at Staines: but not only is land near Staines worth many times more per acre than land in remoter Wales, but the rainfall for twenty miles round Staines is little heavier than for twenty miles round London. In Wales, however, the mean rainfall is twice that of London, and on the higher grounds it is three times that of the lower Thames Valley. The cities of the south-east, centre and north have, in fact, before them a task of equalising the rainfall in England, and they are aided by nature in their enterprise by a circumstance which must be described as wholly fortunate. We refer to the way mountains attract rainfall and stop the passing clouds. Owing to this habit of taking tribute in moisture the great falls of rain are on very high grounds, whence the water, duly conducted in pipes, will fall, by natural gravitation, to the low-lying cities of London, Birming-ham and the like. The depletion of the great rivers of the east and south is a measure that the Imperial Government should stop by statute, for they water districts which are already rather too poor in rainfall. Not only should London be made to draw its requisite water supply from the west, which is over-rich in rain, but many other places might be compelled to look to districts where the fall is over thirty inches instead of depleting of moisture rural parts where nature gives only twenty-two or twenty-four inches in an crdinary year.

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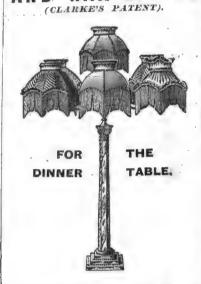
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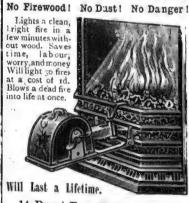
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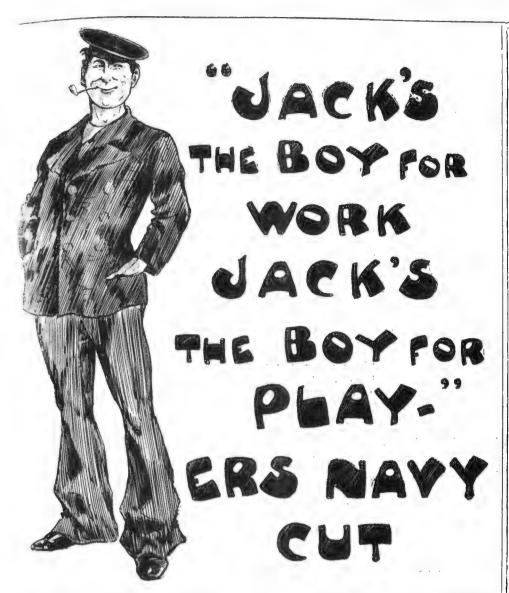
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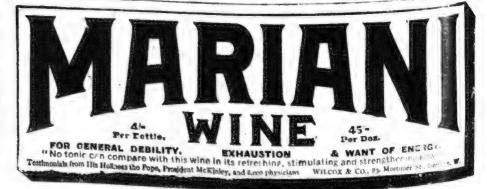
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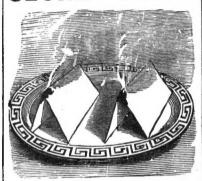


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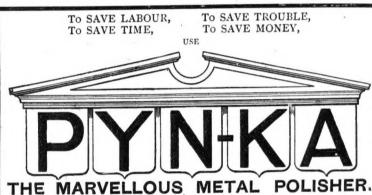
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